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Forging Heavy Crank Shafts.

Mr. W. L. E. McLean, of the Lancashire Forge, Glasgow, read before the Institution of Mechanical Engineers the following important paper on the various methods used in Great Britain of forging crank shafts:

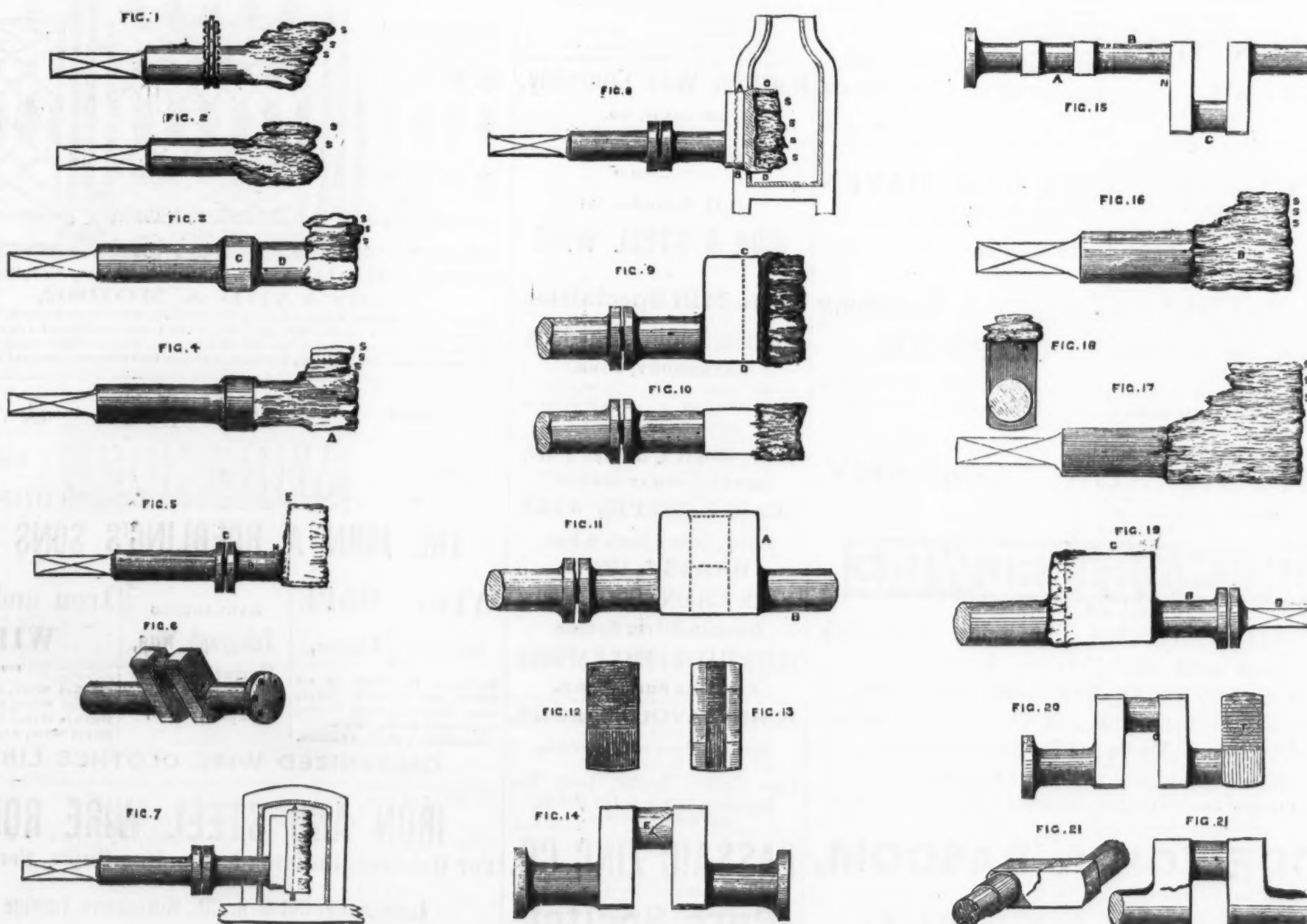
First Method.—The most common method is technically termed by the foreman "finishing the piece before him." He begins with a staff or stave, as shown in Fig. 1, suspended by a chain from the crane, and made round for the convenience of manipulating under the steam hammer; this stave is used over and over again for many forgings, as it is merely the "porter" to carry the piece, and enable it to be worked. The forging is begun by two or three slabs being placed in the staves as at S S S, and then inserted in the furnace. The slabs are flat blocks made up of pieces of scrap iron which have been piled and heated and then welded together. After being brought to a welding heat in the furnace the slabs are

the whole mass of the crank, or even the half of it, was formed before the body and neck of the shaft were finished, a proper heat could not be taken on the body and neck for finishing without the neck giving way or rupturing. Indeed, as it is, the undue proportion often causes the shaft to be strained at this part, where most strength should be, so that it is rendered weak and a flaw is developed, which by-and-by causes it to be removed from the steamer as dangerous and useless, if, indeed, it does not break outright; so that the foreman, if he adopts this method, must be very careful to proportion the amount of iron he has massed in the furnace to the size of the body he is finishing, otherwise the weakening above mentioned will take place. All marine engineers will easily recognize this defect, which frequently occurs, but the cause of which is probably not well understood. Such a flaw will present a similar appearance to that shown at F, Fig. 6, taken from an actual example. This difficulty of pro-

hammering on the flat has a tendency to open up the weldings, if they have not been thoroughly made. A section taken at A B, Figs. 7 and 8, will show as in Fig. 12, the weldings being across the web of the crank; the circle indicates the section which the crank pin would present if cut through there. But when the slabs are placed on the flat afterward, some of the joinings of the end of the slabs, or "scarf ends," are certain to fall within the crank pin, as seen in Figs. 8, 9 and 10; therefore, the section through C D, Figs. 8 and 9, will show somewhat like Fig. 13, where the circle indicates the position of the crank pin. The flaw thus produced, called "a scarf end in the pin," is readily recognizable by all marine engineers; at E, Fig. 14, is a sketch from actual occurrence. When the second gable is cut, and the other end is rounded, there is only the other collar to put on—if a double-collared shaft—and the forging is completed. This method is so speedy as compared with any other, that it is often resorted to even at

Second Method.—This method builds the middle first, and is called "turning the shaft end for end." The shaft is begun from a stave, by the addition of slabs, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. Fig. 16 shows it with iron added in slabs, till a butt is formed, as at B, to form the nucleus of the crank; slabs S S S are then piled on it to bring the crank up to the height. These are beaten down and welded, and more are added, as at S S S, Fig. 17, till the full height of the crank is reached. Should the web—or edgeway of the crank—be thick, two slabs are frequently used to make up the breadth, placed edge to edge, as shown in Fig. 18; the width of these slabs being limited by that at which the shinglers can conveniently work and turn them under the steam hammer. The crank, however, is completed without any "side slabs," such as shown in Figs. 8, 9, 10, for the beating down of the slabs on the edge broadens out the mass, and gives sufficient material to forge out the crank to the proper height by

then present the appearance shown by the end view, Fig. 24, being somewhat bulged outward at the points E and F. Three long thin slabs, S S S, forged and shaped for the purpose, are then placed on the hollowed part, the piece lying flat in the furnace. These slabs are tapered a little the breadth way, not on the length, and little pieces of iron are interposed between them, to keep the surfaces apart and allow the flame free access between them. The object of making them thin is that they may be all equally heated, which is not so readily achieved when the slabs are thick; and the object of the tapering is to allow the slag to flow out freely when the uppermost slab is struck by the steam hammer. The surfaces thus get solidly welded. Fig. 25 presents the slabs thus placed in elevation, and Fig. 26 in section. The slabs are forged long enough to go right across the whole width of the crank, excepting about 6 inches; this margin is necessary to allow of the lengthening out of the slabs to the whole width under



METHODS OF FORGING HEAVY CRANK AXLES.

withdrawn, placed under the steam hammer, and beat down solid. The piece is then turned upside down, and two or three similar slabs placed on the opposite side, as shown at S S, Fig. 2. When sufficient iron has been thus added to form the collar—it is rounded under the hammer, as at C, Fig. 3 and the body of the shaft next to the collar, as at D. More slabs, S S S, are added to bring out the body, and afterward the crank itself is proceeded with, as at E, Fig. 3. The piece will begin to assume the appearance of A, Fig. 4. Then more slabs are welded on the top, as at S S S, Fig. 4, till the depth of the crank is obtained, after which the foreman proceeds to finish the collar and body of the shaft, as shown in Fig. 5. The collar, on being finished, is cut all round, as shown at C D, so that it may be more easily detached from the stave when the shaft is completed, leaving only sufficient connection to carry it till then. The foreman then cuts the gable of the crank as at E G, and rounds up the body and neck as at B N. This, it will be observed, is a speedy process, and would invariably be adopted if it was not attended with a very serious drawback; it is very hazardous to the solidity of the forging, for it will be easily understood that not above a third of the crank itself can be thus formed, because the iron at the neck N would not carry a greater mass. If

portioning the part of the crank first forged to the size of the neck will be still better understood by the appearance of it in the furnace, as shown in Fig. 7. Having reached this stage, with one end of the shaft completed, as also that portion of the crank itself which of necessity was completed before the collar was cut in order that the neck might be finished, no more iron can be added on the top edge, as it is up to the full depth already; it must therefore be added on the flat, as in Fig. 8, where the piece is shown on its flat side in the furnace, the finished portion being outside the furnace door. A number of slabs, S S S, are then placed side by side to bring out the width of the crank further; these being welded down, the piece is turned upside down, and the process repeated on the other side. Afterward other slabs are similarly placed on both sides, as shown in Figs. 9 and 10, of which one is the flat and the other is the edge view of the crank at this stage; and this is continued till sufficient iron has been massed to allow of the other gable of the crank being cut down, as at A, Fig. 11, and sufficient also to allow of the other part of the body B being rounded, and prepared for further piecing out. Now, it will be observed that the first gable finished has the slabs all welded on the edge of the crank, as shown in Figs. 3, 4 and 5, and the hammering has all been on the edge; hence the subsequent

the risk of making a bad forging; and too many broken shafts testify to the fact. Besides, it may be observed that in making a double-crank shaft, while the one crank may be made in this way, the other must; for, the first crank A, Fig. 15, being completed, and the body B, between the two cranks, also completed, the second crank C must of necessity be pieced off this body, even at the risk of the neck N being strained. This may account for the many instances in which one of the cranks of a double-crank shaft gives way, rendering the shaft useless; and also for the plan, now almost universal, of making the two cranks separately and coupling them together; a further object being, no doubt, to have the means of replacing a defective half, if need be, without losing the whole shaft. At Lancashire, when a double-crank shaft is to be made, the after crank, A, is first made by the method afterward described, so as to insure that this crank, through which, as being next the propeller, all the power of the engine passes, is perfectly sound; and in piecing the other crank off the body it is worked with slabs on the flat instead of on the edge, as afterward described. The writer's own opinion is that the crank is the most important part of the shaft, and, therefore, at all costs, should be made first. Others, no doubt, may take the same view, and to avoid the risks just mentioned may adopt the following method:

hammering on the flat. The crank is afterward cut at the off gable at G, Fig. 19, the body B pieced out and rounded, the collar welded on, and then a small stave, S, is drawn upon the end, to enable the foreman to handle the piece when he "turns it end for end," to complete the other end of the shaft. This method, though better than the last, is also objectionable; for though there is not equal risk of "scarf ends" in the pin, yet the weldings are all on the edge, as shown at T, Fig. 20, where the section of the crank pin is shown by the dotted circle; and the cheeks of the crank, O O, are thus liable to give way if a heavy strain comes on the crank when at work. The defects arising from this cause are shown at below, Figs. 21, 21, and will be readily recognizable by all engineers.

Third Method.—Considerations such as these have led to the adoption of the third or Lancashire method. Fig. 22 shows the piece begun from the stave in the usual way, with the slabs all welded, however, on the flat, till a basis is formed for the building up of the crank. A portion, A, is roughly rounded to form the one end of the shaft, and the butt of the crank will present the appearance of a slightly elongated square, as shown at B B, Fig. 23. The workman then "scarfs" or hollows it down at one edge all along the side, as shown in Fig. 24 from A to B, and as indicated on the end view by the dotted line from C to D; it will

the process of forging. After these slabs are perfectly welded, the piece is turned upside down, and the process is repeated on the other side, as shown in Fig. 27. When welded down the mass has increased in depth as well. Another scarfing takes place on the first side, and then another on the second side, as shown in Figs. 28 and 29, and so on, till the full size is obtained; and it will be seen, as in Fig. 30, that by this process of scarfing equally from both sides, the iron from the very middle of the body of the shaft—originally as at H I in the end view, Fig. 23—is drawn up quite to the crank pin. The pin will show in section as the dotted line, Fig. 30, and it will be seen that by no possibility can there be a scarf end in the crank pin, as the slabs in all cases go right across the crank, and also that the cheeks of the cranks have no edge weldings crossing them, as in the previous cases: for the tail of a slab may be at B, while the other end may be at S, Fig. 30. The fiber is also developed by the continuous drawing up of the iron consequent upon the repeated scarfing across the whole width of the crank. When the crank has been thus massed sufficiently large, it is cut at the gable, with sufficient material left to piece out the other body of the shaft. This is now done, the coupling welded on and a small stave drawn on the end to enable the foreman to manipulate it, when it is turned end for end, to complete the other end, as shown already in

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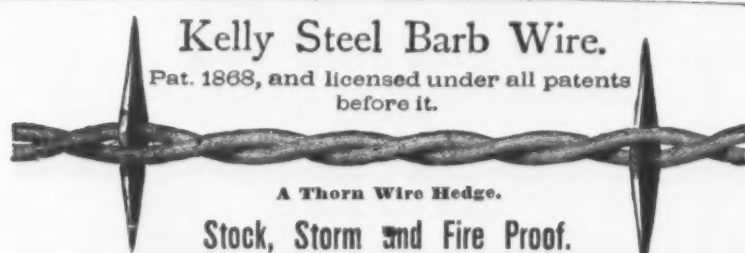
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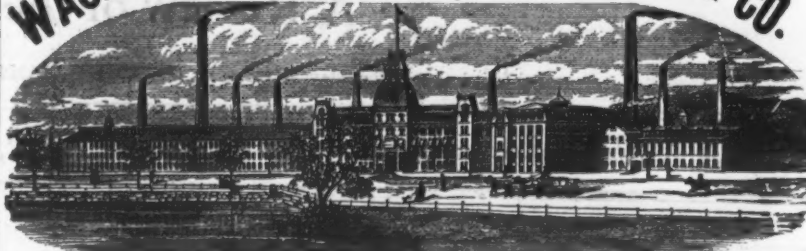
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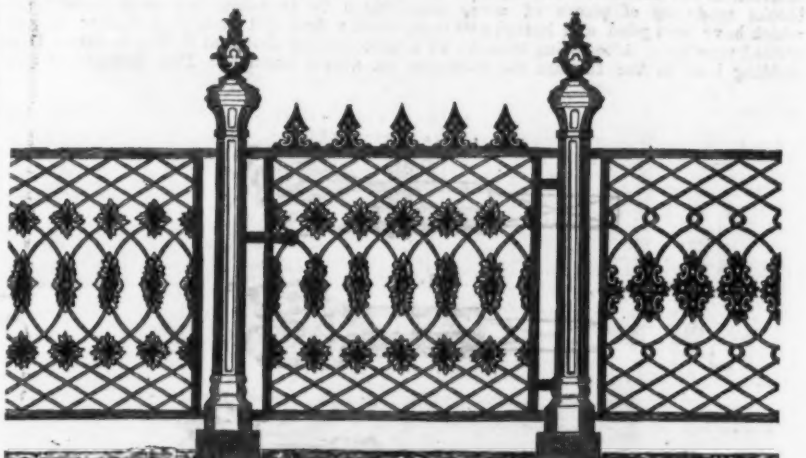
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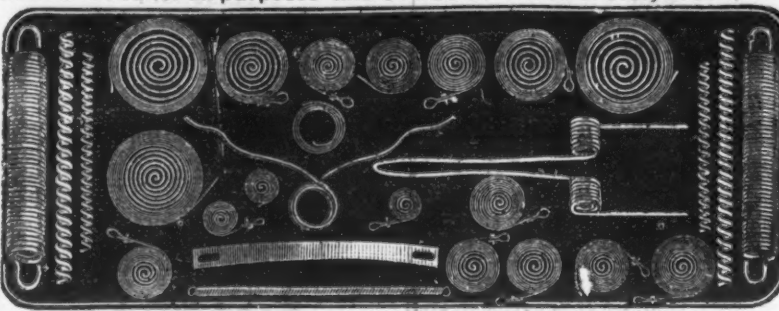
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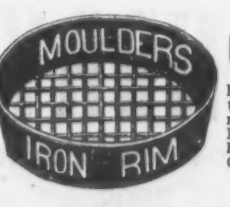
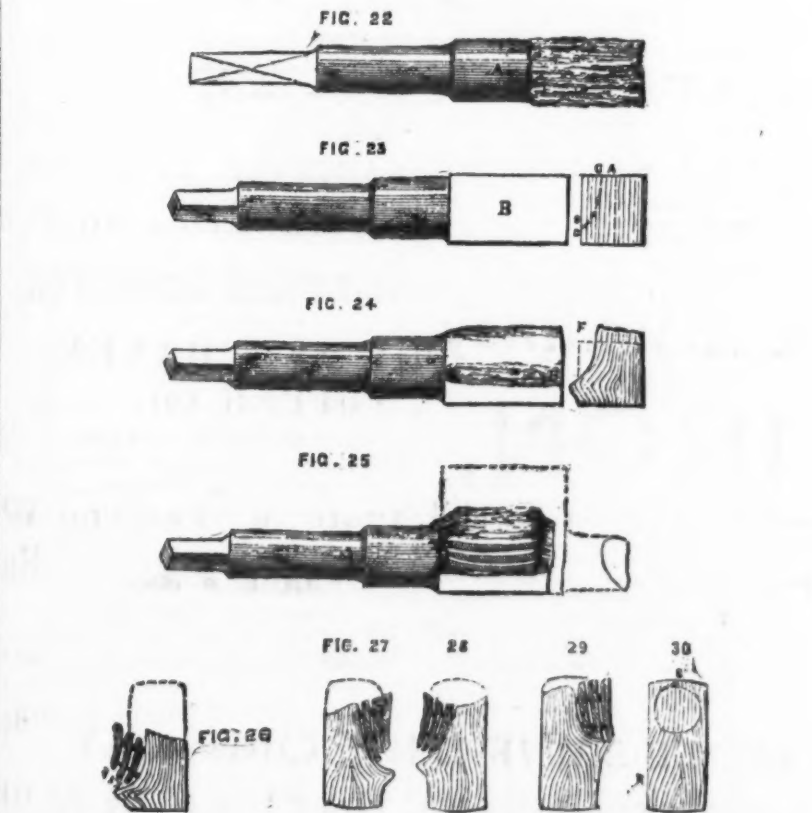


Fig. 19. These proceedings occupy longer time than either of the other two methods, and consequently cost a little more; but the advantage is well worth all the difference, as greater confidence can be entertained that the forging is every way satisfactory. In brief, by making the crank first is avoided the liability to weakness at the neck, characteristic of the forgerman's making the shaft before him, as in the first method, by the repeated "side scarfings" is avoided the liability to fracture across the cheeks, consequent upon the edge weldings of both first and second methods; while by having the slabs the whole length of the width of the crank any "scarf end" in the lengthway of the crank pin is impossible—such as may occur in the first method; and the welding of the mass of the crank being wholly on the flat must tend to form a more solid forging than if hammered otherwise. Thus, if the forging is well heated and properly hammered, the system promises to ensure that no weak part will be found in the shaft after it is finished and put to work. The writer believes, from the success which has already followed in every case the adoption of this method, that it will eventually be found that almost more depends on the mode in which a crank shaft forging is constructed than on the material of which it is made. This leads him to make some observations regarding the material for such shafts. It is of course well known that in the early days of engineering, before the time when steam navigation had received its great impetus by the invention of the screw propeller, the connecting rods, cranks, shafts, &c., of land engines were all formed of cast iron, except, indeed, where the connecting rods were made of wood, strapped with plates of wrought iron, as frequently was

on their drawings—as many of them still do —“These forgings are to be made of carefully selected scrap iron, free from flaws and defects.” To meet the requirements of their customers therefore, forgers had now nothing to do but to select and use the best available scrap iron; but the universal adoption of iron hulls in place of wooden ones, conjoined with the rapid and unprecedented increase in steam navigation, soon introduced a class of scrap iron which did not possess the qualifications of good scrap, and also called for a very much greater supply of forgings than could be obtained in superior scrap iron. The consequence was that shafts of scrap iron, when turned and finished, became liable to exhibit streaks and seams, not due alone to imperfect welding in the forging, but likewise to the laminations and imperfections of the original scrap iron, which the process of piling and shingling into the slab was not sufficient to obliterate. So constantly does this yet occur that it causes a strong temptation to make such forgings of new iron puddled direct from the pig and then shingled into slabs or bloom, under the idea that these streaks and seams will thus be avoided, and that the iron will be improved almost to the condition of scrap iron while being forged under the steam hammer. This, however, is found not to be the case. The forging is certainly free from the streaks of the scrap iron, but this is obtained at the expense of strength, for the material is too raw; it wants cohesion, and has not had the proper kind or amount of working to bring it to the condition of superior wrought iron. This method is still further tempting, inasmuch as it is far cheaper than the other; the material costs less than scrap iron, and as it welds at a lower temperature,



the case with pumping, winding and blowing engines. In fact, all the parts that could be made of cast iron were so made, and the piston rods, bolts, keys, straps and other smaller parts were alone made of malleable iron; the smaller pieces being made from rolled bars direct, as at present, and the larger made of similar bars, but placed side by side and bound together or "faggotted," as they were called, from their resemblance to a bundle of fagots. These bars, thus faggotted, were either brought to a welding heat in a smith's hearth and welded under the sledge hammers of the men called "strickers," or hammermen; or else heated in a furnace, and welded under the tilt-hammer worked by a steam engine. By and by it was found necessary to adopt the stronger material, wrought iron, for parts hitherto confined to cast iron; because the latter was found too deficient in cohesion to stand the strains due to the power of high-pressure steam, which was now almost universally superseding the use of low-pressure steam in the condensing engine. The system of faggotting, however, was still carried out, even far into the history of marine engineering; but when the rapid increase in the dimensions of engines, both stationary and marine, called forth the steam hammer, and so rendered the forging of heavy masses comparatively easy, the system of faggotting fell into disuse, for the following reason. In making up a fagot, say of 18 or 20 inches square, it was found that in the furnace the outside bars would reach a welding heat much sooner than those in the middle; consequently on welding this fagot under the steam hammer, though the blow might reach to the center, yet the interior would not be welded, while the surface was; hence the shaft or other forging would not be welded throughout, and it was no uncommon thing for a shaft to break and expose the internal bars quite loose and separate from each other. When it was seen that malleable was so much superior to cast iron, and that the system of faggotting was so imperfect, the adoption of "scrap iron," which was then composed principally of parings of boiler plates, pieces of cuttings from smith's shop, old bolts, horse shoes, angle iron, &c., became general. These being piled together in suitable pieces, and in a pile of suitable size, for the convenience of working, were brought to a welding heat, and beaten out into a slab, or oblong-shaped piece, ready for the forgerman, who would build two or three together, adding more when required, and so bring out his piece to a sufficient size to enable him to shape his forging out of it. Then it was that engineers, seeing what an increase of strength they obtained by these means, invariably specified

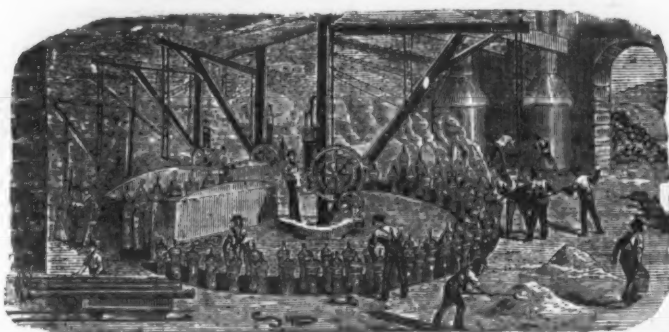
a forging can be much more quickly and easily made. Still, for whatever class of machinery it may be fitted it should certainly be eschewed in every case for a crank shaft or propeller shaft. From these considerations it has been the custom at Lancefield, in the preparation of the iron for crank shafts, to improve upon the ordinary condition of the scrap iron in the following manner: The pile is made up of carefully cleaned and selected scrap; it is brought to a welding heat, and then hammered under the steam hammer; but instead of being beaten into a flat slab for the forgerman, it is beaten into a square billet, which is afterward rolled in the rolling mill into a flat bar, as if for "best best" merchant iron. By this additional heating, hammering and rolling, all the different qualities of the scrap iron composing the pile are merged into one homogeneous material, having the fiber given to it that was lost in the separated portions of the scrap iron; and this, when cut up into proper lengths, and again piled and shingled into the slab, results in a material possessing somewhat the closeness and density of steel, while retaining all the toughness and tenacity of superior malleable iron. The improved method of constructing the forging, previously detailed, is worthy the use of this superior material; and both having been adopted at Lancefield, with results which have commended themselves so unmistakably to many engineers that they now not only specify the material, but stipulate for the mode of manufacture, it is thought the system has only to be more widely known in order to give greater confidence in the endurance of such important parts of the machinery, although this confidence may have to be obtained by a small increase in the cost, due to the extra workmanship both on the material and on the forging. When we take into consideration the vastly accelerated speed of the marine engine in late years, and the many disastrous effects which follow the breaking of a shaft at sea—also that the tendency of the age is still toward much higher pressures and further lengthening of stroke—it is not surprising that improvement in such an important part as the crank shaft should be eagerly sought after; but it has hitherto been sought in the direction of the material alone. Cast steel has been advocated, and brought to some extent into use; but its expense renders such shafts costly out of all proportion to the other parts of the engine; while in the event of their heating when at work, a very frequent casualty, and having the water hose directed upon the crank pin or journals, it cannot be expected that the material will behave any

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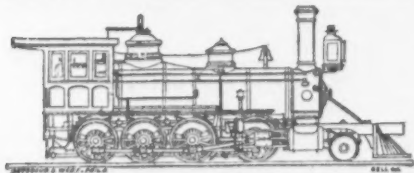
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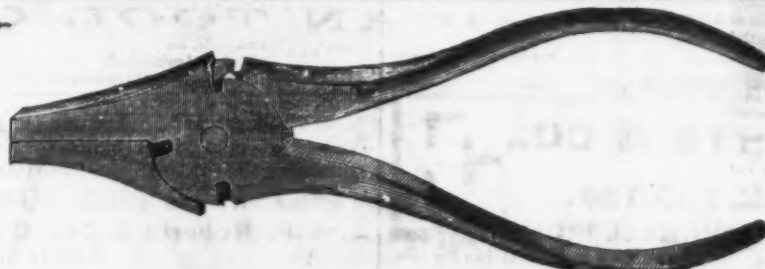
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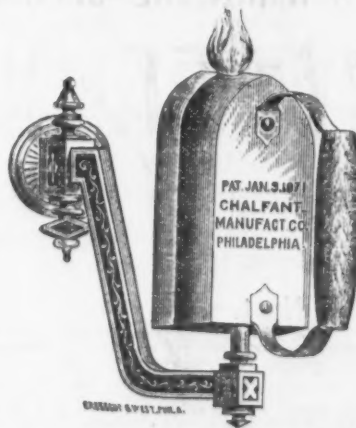
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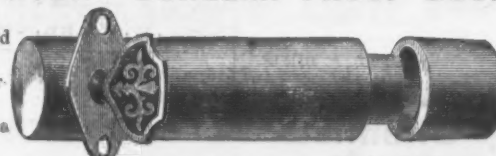
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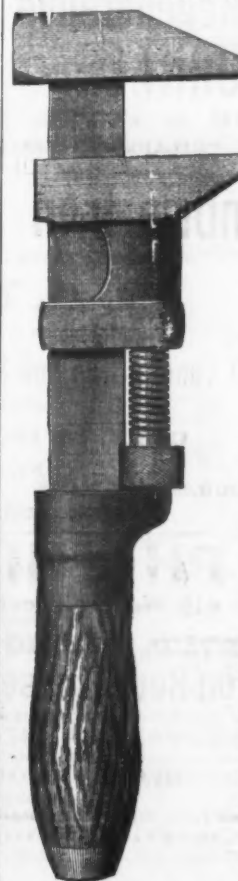
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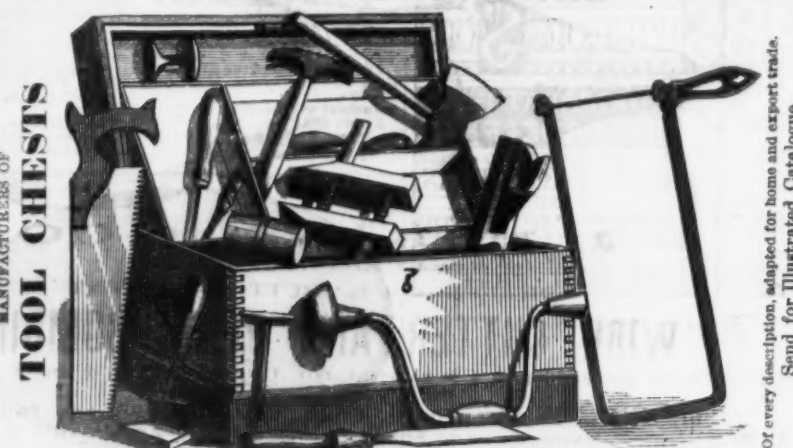


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necessary preparations for the introduction
of anthracite coal—instead of the coke of
the bituminous mines—into the whole of the
blast furnaces which I at present have
(three in number) at the Yonkers Iron
Works.

Mr. Crane gave a statement of the man-
ner in which the idea first occurred to him
of the application of a heated blast to an-
thracite coal: "One evening after I had
placed a piece of anthracite coal upon my
parlor fire (which had before been made up
with bituminous coal) and had allowed it to
arrive at a red heat, upon my applying as
fierce a blast to this piece of coal as I could
raise from a pair of bellows, I noticed the
appearance of a black mark or spot upon
that part of it where the air impinged
upon it; on my continuing the like rapid
current in the same direction, I shortly blew
the fire out of it. I at once perceived that
the effect of the strength of the current of
air when cold, which we of necessity are
obliged to blow into our furnaces to secure
the passage of the blast through the high
and dense column of materials contained in
an erection like a blast furnace—instead of
encouraging ignition, was actually unfavor-
able to it. On giving the thing a moment's
reflection, the question promptly occurred to
me, what would be the effect of turning a
blast into a furnace upon this coal which
would itself burn—which would itself melt
lead? I at once determined that it was a
thought which was worthy of mature re-
flection. The further consideration which
I gave to the matter, and the further ex-
periments which I shortly afterward insti-
tuted—which were continued at a great ex-
pense for some months—have at length been
crowned with full success."

The date of Mr. Crane's patent was the
25th of September, 1836. He soon became
involved in protracted litigation in defense
of his claim to the invention, which was dis-
puted. On the 13th of June, 1842, an opin-
ion in his favor was given by Lord Chief
Justice Tindall. The Judge said: "There was
abundant evidence in the cause that it had
been the great object and desideratum be-
fore the granting of the patent to smelt iron-
stone by the means of anthracite coal, and
that it had never been done before."

In 1837 Mr. Crane applied for letters
patent in the United States, but he was op-
posed by Dr. Geisenheimer, and failed to
establish his claim. Subsequently the heirs
of Dr. Geisenheimer made the right public,
and hence anthracite has been freely used in
the United States in the manufacture of iron
without patent charges or fees.

THE PIONEER FURNACE.
Soon after the success of Mr. Crane was
announced in this country, numerous pro-
jects were formed for the erection of fur-
naces, and among the first in the field were
Burd Patterson and others, who, early in
the spring of the year 1838, commenced
the erection of the Pioneer Furnace at
Pottsville, Pa. The work progressed rapidly
and was completed and the furnace put in
blast on the 13th of July, 1839, by William
Lyman, under the superintendence of Ben-
jamin Perry, an experienced founder. The
first shipment of iron from it, consisting of
54 tons 10 cwt., was made on the 14th of
November, and at that time the furnace was
yielding about 50 tons of iron per week.

In connection with this subject, we can-
not refrain from introducing an extract
from a letter dated April 21, 1838, sent to
the Editor of the Pottsville Miners' Journal
for publication. The writer says: "This
morning I went, at the request of a friend,
with two others, to the Mutual Insurance
office to see some iron, coal, ore, slag, &c.,
from Crane's works, in Wales, brought out
by a Welsh miner of the name of Richard
Jones, well known to Burd Patterson and
others. The experiment is complete, and I
understand it was the intention of Mr. Crane,
if he had his patent, to send out a hand im-
mediately to this country to erect furnaces
in Schuylkill County; but Mr. Geisenheim-
er's caveat prevents him doing so, and the
coal interest of our country suffers by it."

The Richard Jones referred to became one
of the boldest and heaviest operators in coal
in the Schuylkill region. He abandoned the
business many years since, but continued the
business of selling coal in Philadelphia.
When the writer saw him last—in 1876—he
was still in the harness, a veteran in the
service, but agile and frisky as the youngest
coal factor of them all who frequented Wal-
nut street.

CELEBRATING THE SUCCESS OF ANTHRACITE
IRON.

On the 18th of January, 1840, Mr. Lyman,
having run the Pioneer Anthracite Furnace
three consecutive months with triumphant
success, was entitled to a premium of \$5000.
A committee was appointed to inspect the
works, composed of the following persons:
Nicholas Biddle, Thomas Biddle, Isaac Lee,
Jesse Richards, J. M. Sanderson and Dr.
Benjamin Kugler. In the performance of
the duty imposed upon these gentlemen,
they visited Pottsville on Friday, the 17th
of January, 1840. On the following morning
they visited the coal and iron mines of
Messrs. Mann & Morris, at Mount Laffa, the
neatness and workmanlike appearance of
which gave universal satisfaction. In the
afternoon they assembled at the furnace to
witness the tapping, inspect the works and
pronounce judgment upon them. After the
inspection, they repaired to the Mount Car-
bon Hotel, at the invitation of Mr. Lyman,
when an elegant repast was prepared, to
which about eighty invited guests sat down.
"After the stacks of the visitors had been
fully charged, and the tappings of generous
wine began to flow, the host called for bump-
ers." In reply to a toast, Nicholas Biddle
addressed the company. Among other
things he said: "Coal and iron have been
ever among the most efficient agents in the
progress of civilization; the geologist tells
us that the diamond is carbon in its greatest
known purity, and carbon is the principle
in your coal; but that coal is disparaged by
the comparison, in the ratio which it exceeds
the useless diamond, for every purpose of
utility, necessity and enjoyment." Mr.
Biddle spoke at length of the intrinsic value
of iron in comparison with the miscalled
precious metals; he proclaimed it the best
friend of man, from the plowshare to the
mighty steam engine. These vast elements

of wealth—coal and iron—had now been
united in their purposes of utility, and as-
sisted each other in giving lavish benefits to
the human family. The changes which
the discovery must make in the econ-
omy of our country were adverted to
and exemplified by many interesting sta-
tistical facts. "In 1836 and 1837 the
amount of \$24,000,000 worth of iron and
steel was imported, and the last five years
these imports have amounted to forty-nine
millions into Pennsylvania alone, teeming
with all the requisite native material; for
the last several years 80,000 tons of iron, ex-
cluding hardware and cutlery, have been
imported, more than half of which was rail-
road iron, which cost at least three and a
half millions of dollars." "This very day,"
continued the speaker, with startling direct-
ness to a humiliating fact, "in visiting your
mines have we seen at their utmost subter-
anean extent the railroads which convey
the coal and iron to the pit's mouth, shod
with British iron manufactured in Britain
and paid for with our money, and this while
we are blessed with profusion of material
for its manufacture at our very doors, while
the United States contains at least 80,000
square miles of coal land, which exceeds
sixteen-fold all the coal measures of Europe,
and one uninterrupted field of which, ex-
tending nine hundred miles—from our State
to Alabama—contains 50,000 square miles, or
more than the whole superficial area of
England. Of the 54 counties of Pennsylv-
ania, 30 have coal and iron in them; of her
44,000 square miles of territory, 10,000 teem
with these indigenous sources of national
wealth. All Great Britain has but 2000
square miles of coal and iron measures, and
thus we see Pennsylvania has five times the
material of the country which annually
takes from us ten millions of dollars for the
manufactured article."

Mr. Biddle concluded with the following
sentiment: "Old Pennsylvania, her sons,
like her soil—a rough outside, but solid stuff
within; plenty of coal to warm her friends;
plenty of iron to cool her enemies."

George W. Farquar followed in an able
and appropriate address, and thus ended the
celebration of the union of anthracite coal
and American iron.

RAPID GROWTH OF THE TRADE.

In less than three years after the Pioneer
Furnace had been blown in there were 12
furnaces in operation with anthracite coal,
and so rapid was the growth of the trade
that in the year 1872 the production of an-
thracite pig iron in the United States was
1,369,812 tons, consuming in the manufac-
ture about 3,000,000 tons of coal and prob-
ably as much again in the different pro-
cesses of its conversion into rolled and bar
iron and steel. In the year 1875 there were
240 complete stacks in Pennsylvania using
anthracite coal, whose annual capacity
amounted to 2,186,000 tons.

The importation of British rails has ceased,
and wonderful to relate, American cutlery
has entered into competition with England
in its home market, and has even dared to
penetrate the stronghold of its manufacture
—Sheffield itself!

Production of the Iron and Steel
Works of France for Six Months, 1879.

—The Bulletin du Comité des Forges de
France has the following compilation of the
production of the iron and steel works of
France for the first six months of 1879, com-
pared with the corresponding period of
1878, in metric tons:

	1879.	1878.
Foundry pig	131,705	128,713
Forge pig	530,241	584,970
Wrought of all kinds	324,783	321,084
Iron rails	20,105	26,891
Sheet and plate	61,968	55,021
Bessemer or open-hearth rails	105,001	101,958
" " Bars, &c.	15,716	10,216
" " Sheet	4,821	5,162
Cast or puddled steel bars, &c.	11,922	12,778

These figures show a decline in foundry
pig, iron rails and some classes of steel,
while the production of foundry pig and
wrought iron of all kinds has slightly in-
creased. The improvement in the produc-
tion of Bessemer and open-hearth steel is,
it will be seen, by no means considerable.

Unless there is gross exaggeration in the
estimates of the Paris Bulletin des Halles,
the French purchases of foreign wheat for
the harvest year will be on a scale without
precedent during any year of peace. An
estimated deficiency of some 50,000,000
bushels, to be supplied almost exclusively by
this country, involves an almost incredible
advance on the 4,500,000 bushels exported
to France in 1877-8, even assuming that as
much more was sent by way of England.
During the last fiscal year the exports of
wheat and wheat flour from the United States
reached a total equivalent to 160,000,000
bushels. About three-fourths of that quan-
tity found its way to Great Britain and her
colonial possessions. For the current fiscal
year our wheat exports can hardly fail to
reach 200,000,000 bushels, with a propor-
tionate increase on other descriptions of
breadstuffs. For the last fiscal year our ex-
ports of cereals were over 25 per cent.
greater in value than the exports of cotton.
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excess will be at least 50 per cent., and
wheat alone, which very nearly equaled
cotton last year, will fairly take its place as
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jars kept at a blood heat. As this process of
oxidation, which in all lasts 300 hours, goes
on, some of the products of decomposition
sink into the water, when they split up into
peroxide of hydrogen, camphoric acid and
other substances, constituting crude sanitas,
which owes its disinfecting power to the per-
oxide of hydrogen it contains. The oily mass
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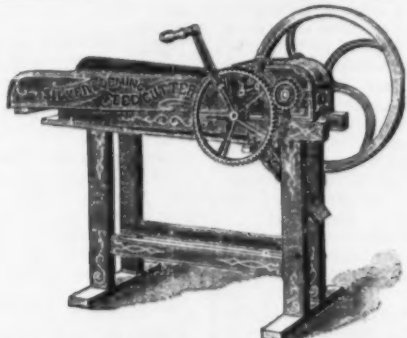
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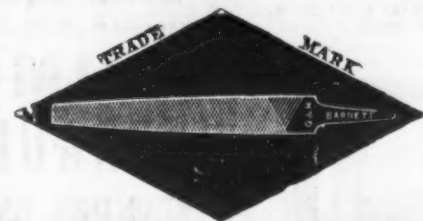
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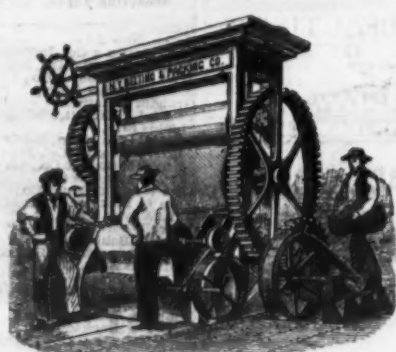
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(Continued from Iron Age, Sept. 18, 1879.)

THE CABLE.

The cable-link consists of a round bolt 12
diameters in length, which has been bent
into an oval form and the ends of which
have been welded together. A stud or stay
is introduced between the sides, to prevent
closure under stress and kinking while the
cable is being handled or used.

The tension tests upon the bars show us
what strength should exist in each of the
sides of the link, and the impact tests give
us an idea as to the power of the transverse
sections of the end to resist stress suddenly
applied, if the process by which the bar is
transformed to a link has no power to change
the qualities as found in the bars.

This process involves twice reheating and
hammering the ends of the bolts, once to
make the scarf and once to make the welds,
while the butt end of the link has been
heated at the same time with the ends, once
for bending. This forging and reheating
has a tendency to lower the elastic limit and
strength of the two ends of the bolt upon
which the weld is made; the process of
bending affects some irons injuriously, and
the comparatively incompressible stud which
prevents closure alters the nature of the
strains. If none of these causes reduced
the strength of a link, and the single area
of each end should be so strengthened by its
arched form that it would be equal to the
two sides combined, the strength would be
just twice that of the bar from which it was
made.

A suitable chain iron is one which will
develop in the link form the greatest and
most uniform proportion of this 200 per
cent. And the development of a low or
irregular proportion indicates that the iron
is not suitable. The divergence from the
200 per cent. marks the extent to which an
iron can be called suitable. The causes
which operate upon all irons to reduce their
percentages are, first, the weld; second, the
stud.

We have tested a large number of chain
links to destruction, and their action under
the strain of tension has been carefully
noted. We find that the lowest percentages
of the bar's strength are developed by those
irons which do not permit strong and thor-
ough welding by ordinary processes, and
that in breaking links of all varieties of
irons the weld end is generally the weak
part of the link, and that with certain types
of iron this weakness is so great and of so
frequent occurrence that cables made from
such iron are very unreliable. In the rup-
ture of 435 links, 333 broke at the weld end,
86 at the butt end and 16 on the side. The
most ordinary location of rupture, if we
except irons Fx, F, L, M and Px, was
at the quarter of the weld, which rupture is
produced by a resolution of the force of di-
rect tension and the resistance opposed by
the stud.

An examination of the records of the
strength of links, and of the percentage of
the bar's strength developed by the links,
will show that all of those links which broke
"through the weld" were very weak and
irregular in both factors. Hence an iron
whose weld is, through any cause, unrelia-
ble, is not suitable for cable. Experiments
indicate that we cannot strengthen the link
by changing the location of the weld, and
our only resource is to select such iron as is
least injured by the process of welding.

Among the causes which produce defi-
ciency in welding properties, there are two
which produce great tenacity in the bar,
viz., chemical peculiarities and excessive
work; therefore, when excessive tensile
strength is found to exist in a bar, it should
be regarded as a probable indication of de-
ficient welding properties. High tenacity in
the bar frequently indicates a lack of power
to resist sudden strains. Therefore, in
judging by tensile strength alone, it should
be considered as more than probable that
the strongest bars will produce the weakest
cables, although there will undoubtedly be
in each of such cables a few links of greater
strength than can be developed by irons of
less tenacity.

The second cause which tends to prevent
the link from developing twice the strength
of the bar is the stud. Our experiments
lead us to consider that the opinion which
is generally entertained, that the studded
link is stronger than the unstudded one
made from the same iron, is erroneous,
both in principle and in fact. Rankine, in
his "Manual of Machinery," says: "An un-
studded chain has about two-thirds of the
strength of a studded chain of the same
diameter of wire." John Anderson, LL. D.,
superintendent of machinery to the War
Department, Woolwich, in a work published
in 1873, says: "It is to be noted, whatever
the explanation may be, that the stayed
link chain, when made of the same diameter
of iron as the open link, is stronger than the
other in the proportion of 9 to 6; the office
of the stud is to prevent the collapse of the
link, and thereby intercept the shearing ac-
tion due to the wedge action of one link
within the other." American authorities
coincide with the above opinions, with which,
however, we entirely differ. Theoretically
it should not be stronger; actually it is
weaker than the open link.

Experiments made upon iron of a soft,
ductile type showed that the excess of
strength of the unstudded link over that of
the studded ranged from 12 to 17 per cent.,
averaging about 15 per cent. of the strength
of the studded links, while with links made
of iron of a coarse, hard type, the excess of
strength was about 5 per cent. In every
case in which there were both open and
studded links connected, the studded link
first broke. The following abstract shows
the extreme variation that we have found in
the strength of cable of the same size made
from several irons. We gather from it that
a variation of from 5 to 17 per cent. may be
expected in the strength of ordinary cables,
and that if proper care is not exercised in
selecting the material, the average variation
may rise from 12 to 25 per cent. of the
strongest.

No. of Irons represented.	Size of Cable, Inch.	Max. Tens. Lbs.	Min. Tens. Lbs.	Pounds per Square Inch.	Per Cent. of Bar Strength.	Weak links of iron omitted.	Variation in strength in one link.
1	1/2	70,000	67,000	11,000	14		
2	1/2	70,000	67,000	11,000	14		
3	1/2	70,000	67,000	11,000	14		
4	1/2	70,000	67,000	11,000	14		
5	1/2	70,000	67,000	11,000	14		
6	1/2	70,000	67,000	11,000	14		
7	1/2	70,000	67,000	11,000	14		
8	1/2	70,000	67,000	11,000	14		
9	1/2	70,000	67,000	11,000	14		
10	1/2	70,000	67,000	11,000	14		
11	1/2	70,000	67,000	11,000	14		
12	1/2	70,000	67,000	11,000	14		
13	1/2	70,000	67,000	11,000	14		
14	1/2	70,000	67,000	11,000	14		
15	1/2	70,000	67,000	11,000	14		
16	1/2	70,000	67,000	11,000	14		
17	1/2	70,000	67,000	11,000	14		
18	1/2	70,000	67,000	11,000	14		
19	1/2	70,000	67,000	11,000	14		
20	1/2	70,000	67,000	11,000	14		
21	1/2	70,000	67,000	11,000	14		
22	1/2	70,000	67,000	11,000	14		
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25	1/2	70,000	67,000	11,000	14		
26	1/2	70,000	67,000	11,000	14		
27	1/2	70,000	67,000	11,000	14		
28	1/2	70,000	67,000	11,000	14		
29	1/2	70,000	67,000	11,000	14		
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37	1/2	70,000	67,000	11,000	14		
38	1/2	70,000	67,000	11,000	14		
39	1/2	70,000	67,000	11,000	14		
40	1/2	70,000	67,000	11,000	14		
41	1/2	70,000	67,000	11,000	14		
42	1/2	70,000	67,000	11,000	14		
43	1/2	70,000	67,000	11,000	14		
44	1/2	70,000	67,000	11,000	14		
45	1/2	70,000	67,000	11,000	14		
46	1/2	70,000	67,000	11,000	14		
47	1/2	70,000	67,000	11,000	14		
48	1/2	70,000	67,000	11,000	14		
49	1/2	70,000	67,000	11,000	14		
50	1/2	70,000	67,000	11,000	14		

There exists a strong prejudice against
the use of cables made from links without
studs. This prejudice is based upon the
opinion, first, that the open link is not so
strong as the studded one; second, that
owing to the want of support given to the sides
by the stud when used, the open link will
collapse at a much lower strain than the
studded one will, and that this collapse will
be so great that the links will nip each other
and become rigid; and third, that the li-
ability of the relative position of the links
becoming misplaced is greater with the open
than with the studded links, from which
cause jams may occur in the hawse pipe
when running out, or after having remained
some time with a slack cable, a sudden
squall tautening it might produce the same
effect. The first of these objections, viz.,
that the open link is weaker than the
studded one, as above stated, our experiments
show to be without foundation. The con-
trary is the case under all circumstances.
We are led by the results of our tests to
doubt that the second objection exists to the
extent generally supposed. We find that in
all cases the open links begin to change form
at a lower stress than the studded ones, but
the sides having straightened somewhat, the
stress is soon resisted by the tenacity of the
material itself, and unless the iron is very
soft and ductile (much more so than is
usually the case with chain iron) the closure
does not continue to be rapid, and at an ex-
treme stress, sufficient to rupture the stud-
ded link, if there be one in the section under
test, the closure has not been so great as to
unfit the open links for service. The third
objection to the use of open-link cables is
that it is presumed that they are more liable
to become fouled and kinked than the stud-
ded-link cable. There are reasons based
upon facts which actually exist, connected
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vestigation of the action of the rolls and our im-
pact tests combined, and the second upon our
comparative experiments of the strength of
studded and open links. The weight
and dimensions of the links of cables of dif-
ferent sizes, and of full cables, of the length
ordinarily used, are given in the following
table:

No. of Links in Cable.	Size of Cable, Inch.	Length, Feet.	Width, Inches.	Weight, Lbs.	No. of Links in Cable.	Size of Cable, Inch.	Length, Feet.	Width, Inches.	Weight, Lbs.
1	1/2	10	4	100	11	1/2	10	4	100
2	1/2	10	4	100	12	1/2	10	4	100
3	1/2	10	4	100	13	1/2	10	4	100
4	1/2	10	4	100	14	1/2	10	4	100
5	1/2	10	4	100	15	1/2	10	4	100
6	1/2	10	4	100	16	1/2	10	4	100
7	1/2	10	4	100	17	1/2	10	4	100
8	1/2	10	4	100	18	1/2	10	4	100
9	1/2	10	4	100	19	1/2	10	4	100
10	1/2	10	4	100	20	1/2	10	4	100
21	1/2	10	4	100	22	1/2	10	4	100
23	1/2	10	4	100	24	1/2	10	4	100
25	1/2	10	4	100	26	1/2	10	4	100
27	1/2	10	4	100	28	1/2	10	4	100
29	1/2	10	4	100	30	1/2	10	4	100

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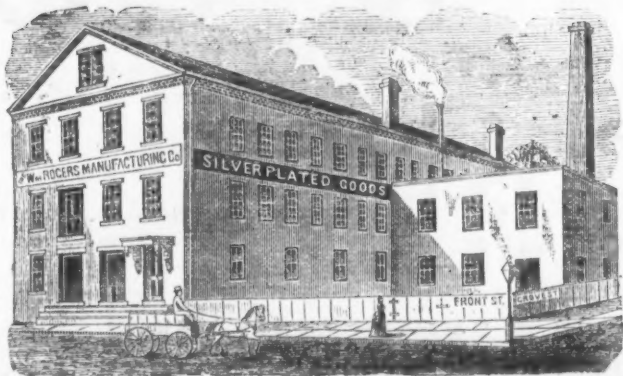
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strength, and to this the large bars are more greatly exposed than the small ones. Irregularity in the workmanship by which the links are manufactured also produces irregular strength in the cable. To this the larger bars are exposed to a greater extent than the smaller ones; the weld is less apt to be perfect. Finally, if the cable be finished without any accidental defect, the proof of the 2-inch so far exceeds that of the 1 1/2-inch in proportion to its strength, that it is possible that the strength it may have had will be lowered by it. For the reasons assigned we are of the opinion that the margin of safety secured by the use of a cable of 1 1/2-inch iron, weighing 12 tons, is equally as great as by the use of the 2-inch, weighing 18 tons.

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(To be continued.)

INDUSTRIAL ITEMS.

MAINE.

The property of the Portland Rolling Mills, consisting of real estate, machinery, fixtures and tools, is to be offered at auction sale on Tuesday, September 30th. This desirable piece of manufacturing property is situated in the town of Cape Elizabeth, in close proximity to the city of Portland, and possesses superior facilities for shipments by water and rail.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The new Amory Mill at Manchester will use two steel tubular boilers manufactured by Richard Dobbins, of Lowell, and set with the Jarvis furnace.

The foundry and machine shops of S. C. Forsyth & Co. at Manchester were not affected by the recent fire which destroyed their planing mill, and are running as usual.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The principal industries of Taunton are now in a decidedly flourishing condition. The two great locomotive companies have orders enough on hand to last them far into 1880. Other large manufacturing concerns are running full blast, and the outlook in all the cotton and iron interests of the city is bright.

At the annual meeting of the Johnson Manufacturing Company of North Adams, the following were elected: President, G. Johnson; treasurer, Wm. G. Johnson; clerk, A. M. Tinker; Directors, G. Johnson, Wm. G. Johnson, A. M. Einker, John Parkhill.

Richard Dobbins, boiler manufacturer, Lowell, is making ten steel tubular boilers for the Lawrence Manufacturing Company, of Lowell. They will be set with the Jarvis furnace.

The Alden Emery Company, of South Walpole, have put in a new turbine water wheel and reset their boiler with the Jarvis furnace.

For the week ending September 10th, there were shipped from South Abington 804 boxes, 41 cases and 36 kegs of tacks, nails, shanks and eyelets.

The great water-wheel test at the Holyoke Water-Power Company's flume will begin October 1, whether the parties have all arrived or not. Nine wheels are now on the ground, representing 7 companies, and it is thought that some 14 or 15 concerns will take part in the test.

RHODE ISLAND.

The Rhode Island Locomotive Works at Providence are full of work, including large orders from the Northwest.

NEW YORK.

The Albany stove foundries some days send 200, some days 400 and some days 600 stoves to New York. The daily production of the foundries is as follows:

	Tons.
Perry & Co.	30
Kathbone, Sard & Co.	25
Ransom Stove Works.	15
J. Van Worman & Co.	8
S. B. McCoy.	8
Albany Stove Co.	6
Wm. Doyle.	4
Littlefield Stove Co.	4
Total.	100

Perry & Co.'s production is partly made at Sing Sing. The heavy trade is for New York State and the West. Prices have advanced 10 to 15 per cent. and wages from 15 to 20 per cent. Iron in Albany is \$28. The foundries are having and are expecting a large trade.

While the mills of the Albany and Rensselaer Iron and Steel Company are very busy in all departments, it is not true that the company have orders a year ahead. They are producing over 250 tons of steel rails and over 100 tons finished merchant iron per day, besides all the merchant steel their 18, 16 and 9 feet trains can handle. The company also are turning out about 30 tons of railroad spikes and rivets. Two thousand men are employed in the establishment.

CONNECTICUT.

The Miller Bros. Cutlery Company have already contracted for the enlargement of their establishment sufficiently to double their present capacity, which is to work 150 men. They have been unable since Feb. 1 to furnish more than half of the goods ordered from them. They consider the large and increasing demand for their goods due not so much to the general improvement in business as to the fact that they are making a line of solid back knives which have been received very favorably by the trade in all sections of the country.

The Underwood Belting Company have started up their works at Rockville.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Penn Hardware Company, Reading, intend to increase the wages of the molders on and after the first of next month, and stated that this was not brought about by any demand of their men. This company have leased and yesterday put in operation the foundry on Canal below Spruce street. It is the intention of the company to operate this exclusively for the manufacture of the heavier and cheaper grades of building hardware. Their large works, about one block above, are running on full time and with a full complement of men, being fairly overcrowded with work. About 175 hands are now employed by the company in the manufacture of their varied line of builders and miscellaneous hardware.

The National Association of Charcoal Iron Manufacturers met last week in Philadelphia. At the last meeting, held during the month of July, a committee was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws of the Association, and to nominate officers for the permanent organization with instructions to report to-day. There were present representatives from a large number of charcoal manufacturing establishments throughout the country. The chair was occupied by the temporary chairman, Robert Valentine, of the Bellefonte Iron Company. The charcoal iron workers present were Millard Warner, of the Tuscon Iron Company, of Alabama; A. McAllister, representing John Roger, owner of the Springfield Furnace, Pa.; general D. Taylor, of the Woodstock Iron Company, Ala.; E. B. Witlard, Pine Grove Furnace and Ohio Furnace, Ohio; J. C. Fuller, president South Mountain Iron Company, Pinegrove Furnace and Laurel Forge; Joshua Hunsicker, Maiden Creek Furnace, Berks County, Pa.; J. W. Mumpher, Barrie Furnace, Pa.; B. Lauth, Howard Iron Works, Pa.; A. G. Curtin, Jr., of the Eagle Iron Works; McCoy & Linn, of the Milledburg Iron Works, Center County, Pa.; S. A. Johnson represents the Black River Iron and Mining Company's Furnace, at Bowville, N. S.; S. R. Schmucker for John Roger & Cove Forge, Blair County, Pa.; Seidel Bros., Perry Forge, Maryville, Perry County, Pa.; Samuel Islet, of Yellow Springs, Blair County, Pa.; Charles Campbell, of the Hecla Iron and Mining Company and Charcoal Iron Company; Robert Valentine, Bellefonte Iron Works; Horace Wave, Shelby Iron Company; Colonel John Lapsley, of Alabama; E. M. Valentine, No. 265 South Fourth street, Philadelphia; C. E. Coffin, Muirkirk Furnace, Maryland. The committee referred to reported a preamble and constitution, which were adopted.

The Cambria Iron Company recently completed negotiations with and leased 100 coke ovens from the Connellsville Gas Company. The ovens are situated in Dunbar township, Fayette County. The iron company propose to build 400 additional ovens and 112 new dwelling houses, the gas company to furnish the means and the property to revert to the latter at the expiration of the lease. The report that the Cambria Iron Company have leased the Rodman Furnace property is denied in toto by the company.

The Warwick Iron Company shipped week before last from the mines at Boyertown 85 cars, or 425 tons, of iron ore. J. Bechtel & Co., during the same week, shipped to Philadelphia from their plumbago mines 64 tons of plumbago.

The Johnstown Tribune denies that any paddlers from the Solar Hoop Mills, Pittsburgh, obtained employment recently in the Cambria Works.

At the Scott Foundry, Reading, work is very plentiful, and the steam forge of the Reading Iron Company is in constant operation.

The Reading Railroad Company, in view of the extensive iron traffic, have increased the car service by adding 50 per cent. to the allowance of pig metal shipments.

At an election for officers for the Altoona Iron Company, held on Tuesday evening, the 16th, the following were chosen for the current year: President, Dr. S. C. Baker; secretary and treasurer, William M. Wheatley; directors, John Fullerton, of Philadelphia; James Gardner, of Hollidaysburg; John P. Levan, Dr. S. C. Baker, Rob. t. Smiley, D. K. Ramey and Thomas McCauley, of Altoona. The company are doing a thriving and profitable business, having orders for all the iron they can possibly turn out. The works have a full force, working double turn.

The Crane Iron Company, Catasauqua, have three furnaces in blast; one lining, which is expected to be ready for the blast about October 1; one torn down, to be rebuilt in the most modern style, with fire-bricks, stoves, iron cases, &c., and one idle. Grove Brothers, Danville, have ordered the fire-brick for their Columbia Furnace No. 2. If the iron business continues to improve, the furnace will be put in blast this fall.

The Thorndale Iron Works at Chester are running their puddlers night and day, their plate mill only in the day time, and do not care for orders for future delivery.

The Glendower Iron Works, Danville, are adding two new puddling furnaces.

There is being erected at the Reading Railroad rail mill, Reading, a punching machine weighing 11 tons and costing \$2600. The punch was made at the establishment of W. B. Bement & Son, Philadelphia.

PITTSBURGH AND VICINITY.

Several Belgians arrived at Wood's Run last week, and have started work at Lewis, Oliver & Phillips' lower mill. They are all laborers.

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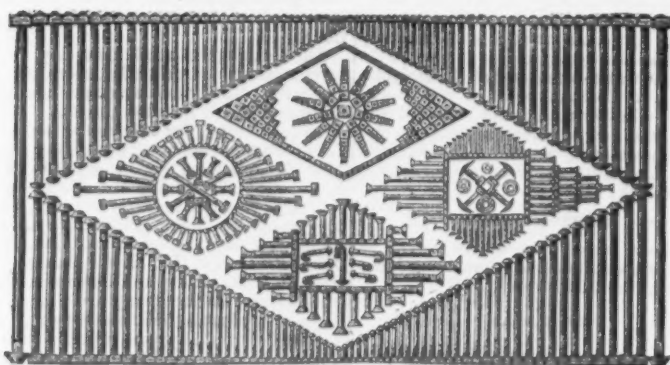
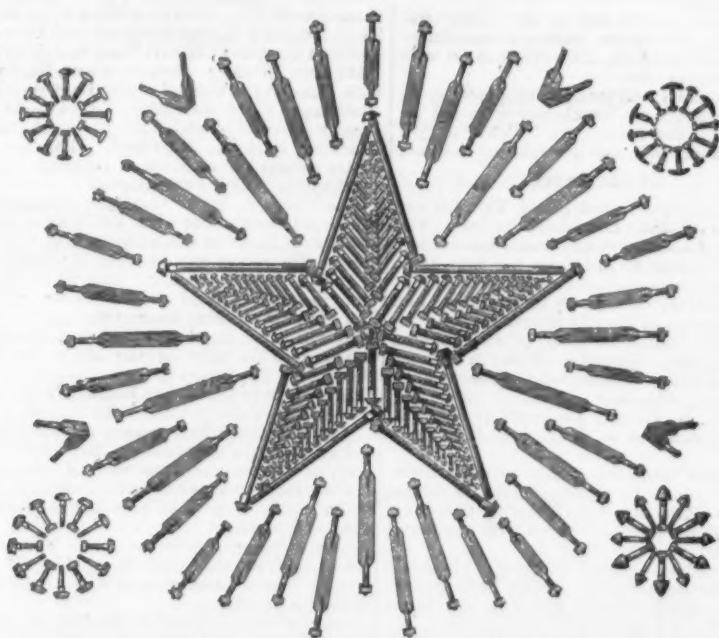
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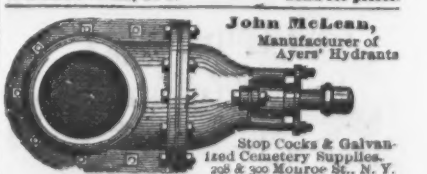
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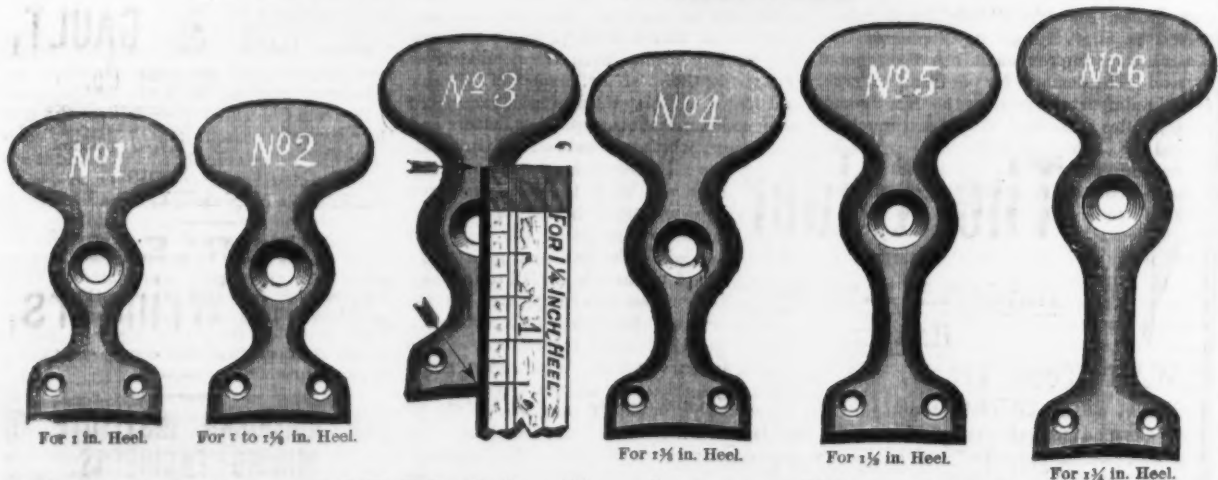
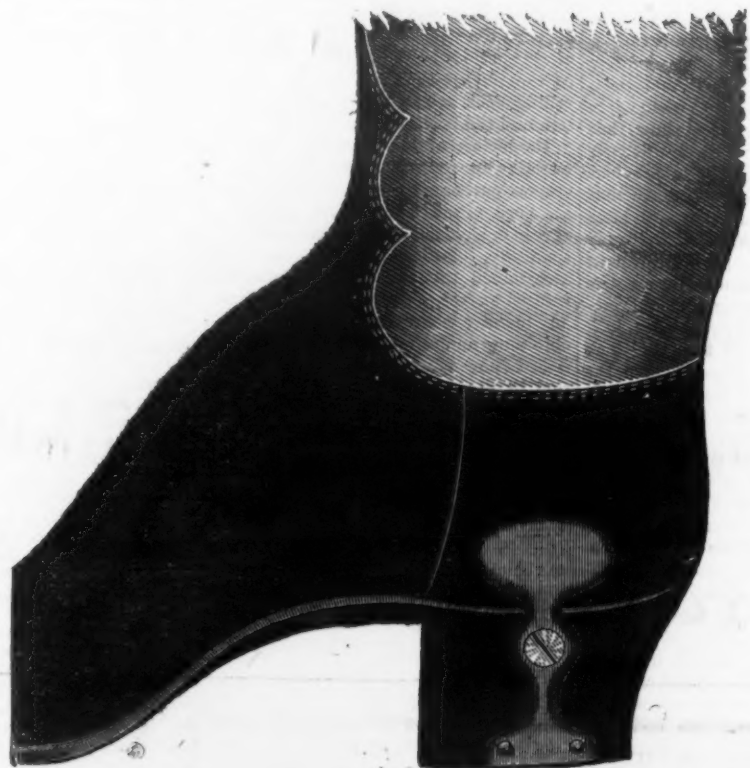
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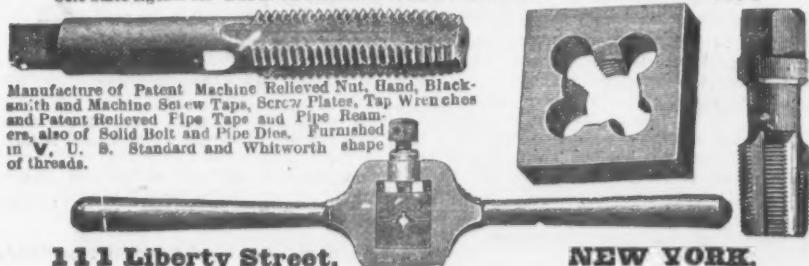


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The Pittsburgh Chain Company, at New Brighton, are running full on orders that will keep them busy until January 1, 1880.

The United States Tin Plate Works, at Demmler, on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, have more to do than they can get through with comfortably. Two of the sheet rolls are running triple turns of eight hours each. The establishment now employs about 160 men and boys. The tin department is not running on account of its unprofitableness.

Messrs. Chess, Smyth & Co. are running full in their nail department. The recent advance having stimulated trade, nails are being sold at full price.

Atterbury's new glass factory, on Carson street, South Side, near the railroad bridge, in course of erection, will be one of the most convenient factories in the country. The stone foundation, 15 feet above the ground, has been completed, and the timber framework for the furnace room has been placed in position. The work of erecting the 11-pot glass melting furnace has also been commenced. The new factory will have the largest packing and finishing room in the country. Its dimensions will be 53 by 180 feet.

The five boiling and scrap furnaces of the new rolling mill at McKeesport are in full blast and are doing well.

Messrs. Dithridge & Co. are running two furnaces full time, one on flint chimneys and the other on their new "crystalloid" ware.

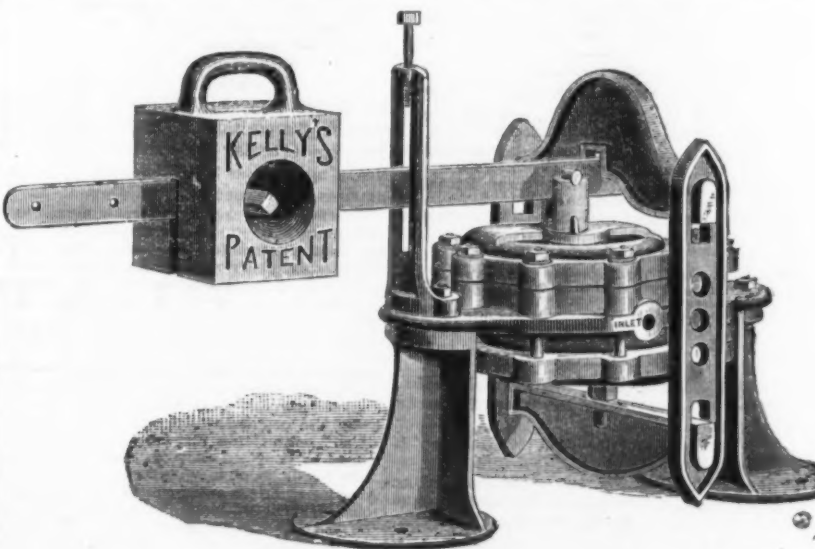
OHIO.

The Lawrence Iron Works Company, at Ironton, are running double throughout their entire works, and are full of orders up to December. They will book no orders for

novelty in dinner plates, brought out by Messrs. Jones Brothers, of Wolverhampton, England. The new plate is of wrought iron stamped into shape, and covered with a vitreous enamel or porcelain on both sides. The back of the plate is blue and the inside white. In the rim there are two indentations made for the purpose of holding the salt, pepper or mustard, as the case may be. While we do not suppose that anything handsome could be expected of plates of this kind, yet it is no doubt possible to make a very durable and light plate, suitable for hotel and restaurant service and also for ship use. Such plates would also be found valuable on the plains and in the forests, where the ordinary ware, both heavy and brittle, cannot be conveniently carried.

Steam Damper Regulator.

With a view to providing the means for a better automatic regulation of the air supply for consuming the fuel under steam boilers. Mr. Wm. E. Kelly, of New Brunswick, N. J., has devised and manufactures a damper regulator, which is shown in the accompanying engraving. It is constructed to vary the section of the stack by opening and closing the damper, and therefore increasing or decreasing the activity of combustion and the generation of steam, as a greater or smaller supply of the latter is wanted by the engine. The steam in the boiler is made to act upon two rubber diaphragms of three-ply rubber packing, which, as their motion is only very slight, wear out but slowly. The steam enters through the inlet shown in the engraving, and, passing into the space between the diaphragms, lifts the upper one which presses against the lever. The lower diaphragm is forced downward and carries with it the rod and cross-piece, which by pivots carries down the lever, thus having the same effect upon it as the upper one. This gives it considerable



KELLY'S IMPROVED DAMPER REGULATOR.

delivery before December 1, except small orders for local trade. Offers for iron are being made above card rates for delivery after December 1.

The furnaces about Ironton are generally declining to book orders for mill iron, and have none on hand.

The Ohio Bridge and Iron Works, formerly at Lancaster, are putting up new shops at Urbana.

The Monitor Furnace, at Ironton, is making 7½ tons of good No. 1 cold-blast car-wheel iron per day.

ILLINOIS.

McDonald & Co., of Chicago, are erecting a fine three-story building to be used for steel manufacturing purposes.

The white lead and oil works of D. B. Shipman & Co., at Chicago, are undergoing extensive alterations.

Collins & Burgie have resumed operations at their Chicago stove works, giving employment to 200 hands.

KENTUCKY.

The Mount Savage Furnace blew in last week after a stoppage of one week to put in a new hearth.

The Louisville Car Works have purchased from the Estelle Furnace at Fitchburg, from 600 to 800 tons of iron at \$30. cash, at Hedges Station, or \$31 in Louisville.

The Pennsylvania Furnace at Riverton is doing well, making daily 11 tons of strictly No. 1 iron. Her blast this year will consist of only 1000 tons.

The Charlotte Furnace is doing better than ever before, making 12 tons No. 1 iron per 24 hours.

MISSOURI.

The Western Glass Bending Works, St. Louis, are arranging to manufacture muslin glass in connection with glass bending.

MICHIGAN.

The Marquette Mining Journal says: The blowing engines and other machinery once in use at the Greenwood Furnace have been sold by the assignee of the Michigan Iron Company to the Carp River Iron Company, and will be removed to the peat furnace at Ishpeming, and there again be made to do duty. The engines and most of the machinery of the peat furnace have been utilized for mine work, and the lessee gets hold of very little else than the bare stack.

The Depue News says that No. 2 stack of the Fox River Iron Co.'s furnaces at that place has been running since the middle of last December on a variety of Lake Superior and Menominee range ores, and is good for a run of at least six months more. The product is from 22 to 25 tons per day, all foundry brands. The company have an ample fuel supply, and everything in and about the furnace is indicative of the most careful and intelligent management.

A Novelty in Stamped Ware—Enamelled Dinner Plate.—The London Ironmonger of August 16 gives an account of a

power, while the movement of the diaphragms is but small. The movement of the lever is transferred to the damper, which thus can be made to close off the draft as soon as a certain limit of pressure to which it can be set is reached.

MINING AND MINERAL ITEMS.

IRON.

At the Bessemer iron mine, Lake Superior, a new plant of machinery, consisting of a boiler, engine, hoisting drum and crane have just been put in place. The mine is turning out a liberal product, and the owners have been working a new opening all summer, which is the richest part of the mine—a large deposit of soft hematite near the surface, which requires no hoisting.

Iron ore yielding 47 per cent. of iron has been discovered on Smith's Creek, about two miles from Waynesburg, Green County, Pa.

The total Lake Superior shipments of ore for the week ending August 27, are given at 37,584 gross tons—a very considerable falling off from those of the week immediately preceding.

COPPER.

Experts have recently examined the copper lode at the Douglass Mine, Bluehill, Me., and have pronounced so decided an opinion in favor of its richness and its extent that capitalists have promptly furnished the means to develop it and on a large scale.

PRECIOUS METALS.

A silver mine has been opened at Corinna, Mo. The first assay of surface ore shows \$9 of gold and 37 ounces of silver, lead and copper per ton. The last assay made since sinking the shafts to the depth of 11 feet shows \$10 of gold and 68 ounces of silver, besides lead and copper. Persons are prospecting in Corinna and St. Albans with good success.

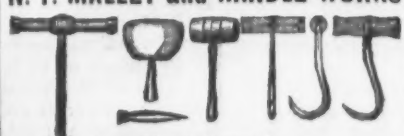
The Whitehall gold mine, near Fredericksburg, Va., formerly owned by Commodore Stockton, has been purchased by Boston capitalists, and operations will be resumed October 1.

S. Bechtel, at Fritztown, Pa., has erected an engine at Cushion Hill, to be used in digging for silver ore. Several fine specimens of ore have been found.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The newly discovered kaoline, or china clay, mine at Leydard, near Norwich, is now being opened and worked by the Lantern Hill Silica Works. It embraces a hill with a summit 200 feet above the level of the sea. The mine is from 1 to 10 feet below the surface of the earth, and worked by shovel and pick. Prof. Silliman, of Yale, has analyzed it, with the following result: Silicic acid and free silica, 49.95; alumina, 35.80; magnesia, 0.52; iron oxide, 1.65; water combined, 12.34; titanic acid, potash, soda and lime, none; total, 100.16, showing 97.83 pure kaoline.

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The most scathing comment on British commercial morality which has lately appeared, comes from Mr. John Ruskin, in one of the foot-notes which he has added to his new edition of "The Stones of Venice." It reads as follows: "Venice is superficially and apparently commercial—at heart passionately heroic and religious; precisely the reverse of modern England, which is superficially and apparently religious, and at heart entirely infidel, cowardly and dishonest." Mr. Ruskin has more than once implied the dishonesty of British manufacturers on the sharp point of his pen, and will be remembered a generation hence as a prophet to whom the nation might have listened with advantage.

It is reported from Washington that Jacob Reese, of Pittsburgh, has carried his claims for the priority of invention in the dephosphorization of impure pig by the use of lime, before the United States Commissioner of Patents. He founds his claims upon the patents granted to him respectively on the 11th of September, 1866, and June 18, 1867. The case is important, as it involves what promises to be a very valuable patent right,

and it is to be hoped that a decision will be as speedily reached as is compatible with proper deliberation. By referring to the full texts of the Thomas patents printed in *The Iron Age* on July 3, July 24, 31 and August 28, our readers will be able to form a very accurate idea of the scope of the invention claimed by Mr. Thomas.

Foreign Iron Trade Prospects.

A substantial basis for confidence in the permanence of the revival of industry and trade in this country, is found in the rapidly improving condition of trade in Great Britain and on the Continent. The London Times of a recent date says:

We have every reason to anticipate that the reviving trade will find our capitalists better able to take advantage of it than in former years, in consequence of the cautious attitude they have maintained by refusing to support speculative concerns like so many companies now being launched in Paris. It is to be feared that French speculators and promoters of new companies have been for some time past preparing the way for a serious financial crisis in the Paris market. The course now being pursued in Paris is the one dangerous element which mars the otherwise generally promising commercial prospect. Although the revenue of France has been wonderfully elastic of late years, the grain harvest of this year is a partial failure, and of silk there is not even half an average yield. Circumstances generally seem to show that the French financiers should be taking in sail, instead of adding daily to the list of new companies. As regards England, judging from a very sensible decrease of commercial failures, there is reason to believe that the purging process has at length prepared the way for a revival of prosperity. We hear much less about the depreciation of silver affecting trade with the East. There is a small profit on the shipment of Manchester goods, and miscellaneous metals are going abroad rather more freely. Hemp and jute merchants declare that business has been better during the past few months than at any time for the last five years. There are also signs of coming improvement in the cotton market, the stocks of yarn and goods being smaller than at any time since the American war.

The favorable outlook gives especial interest to the statistics lately published by the Wolverhampton Chamber of Commerce, showing the position of Great Britain's export trade to-day as compared with ten years ago. The Sheffield Telegraph summarizes this report as follows:

The most encouraging feature brought out is that all the markets specified are steadily increasing their demand for tin plates. The United States enlarged her order for tin plates from 75,000 tons in 1869 to 108,000 tons last year, notwithstanding that the commodity has to bear a duty of \$5.60 per ton. Of course the exports to the United States of all descriptions of iron and of steel show a great falling off. Under no head is this more conspicuous than under railroad iron. Ten years ago we shipped to them close upon 300,000 tons of rails; last year not 100,000 tons were sent away. So long as America maintains her tariff of \$5.25 on steel rails, and \$3.50 on iron rails, it cannot be expected that our shipments of rails thither will be of much extent. Our sales to America of the pig and puddled iron are 100,000 tons less than they were, and as to bar, angle and rod iron there is a decline of 50,000 tons. Coming now to Continental nations, the purchases of pig and puddled iron by Germany in 1869—112,000 tons—had last year considerably more than doubled. Our rail exports have increased by 10,000 tons on the decade. Tin plates show up better by 300,000 tons. A decrease is apparent in bars, angles, rods, hoops, sheets and plates. France appears as a less valuable customer for nearly all classes of iron and steel. Still, notwithstanding that tin plates have to bear the heaviest duty which France imposes on any class of iron—\$5.60 per ton—the shipments of these have considerably augmented. Belgium shows a satisfactory. Pig and puddled iron shipments in 1878 as against 1869, were an increase of 13,000 tons. With the exception of the inflated years from 1871 to 1874, our exports of rails to Belgium have always been very small. In 1872, 1873 and 1874 they increased enormously, amounting respectively to 20,000, 28,000 and 14,000 tons. Our imports from Belgium of bar, angle and rod iron 10 years ago amounted to little over 150,000 tons; last year they stood at 210,000 tons. Holland has augmented her purchases of pig and puddled iron by some 140,000 tons. Rails and some other descriptions of iron show a rapid decrease. Tin plates have increased by over 300,000 tons. Russia exhibits an augmentation in pig and puddled iron on the decade of 60,000 tons. Rails have correspondingly declined, and the 245,000 tons sent thence in 1869 have now fallen to 59,830 tons. The statistics regarding hardware and cutlery manifest a decrease touching the United States. Germany, France, Belgium and Holland, but an increase as to Russia, Spain, Portugal and Turkey.

Our own official statistics of British trade, compiled by the Bureau of Statistics at Washington, makes a showing which will be better understood by American readers. The statement of which we speak is that lately issued, showing the exports of Great Britain and Ireland to the United States and other countries for the seven months ended with July. The figures of our trade with Great Britain show a heavy gain in imports. Of pig iron, 32,495 tons were imported during this period, against 14,358 tons for the first seven months of 1878. The imports of bar, bolt, angle and rod iron were 2890 tons, against 1369 tons. Railroad iron shows 8957 tons this year, as compared with 368 tons last year. Hoop and sheet increases from 349 tons in 1878 to 1870 tons in 1879; tin plates declined from 62,476 tons last year to 31,860 tons this year. It will be understood that these figures relate to the first seven months of the two years indicated. Looking over the list as a whole, we find a falling off in some items and an increase in most of them, but not so great as was expected. The total value of the exports from Great Britain and Ireland to all countries during the first seven months of 1878 was £111,061,257; during the corresponding period of 1879 they have aggregated £105,435,115. The total value of imports into Great Britain and Ireland during these periods was: 1878, seven months, £226,270,663; 1879, seven months, £203,287,795. This represents a loss of more than 6 per cent. on the total exports, and a lessening of imports of over 10 per cent. It would be difficult to derive much consol-

ation from these figures, but we are glad to know that the outlook is improving.

In France, it would seem, the action of the rolling mill owners of the North, early in March, in demanding higher prices, has led to a slow, but sustained improvement, which, it is true, has been subject to occasional slight reverses, but has on the whole, especially in some districts, led to results favorable to ironmasters. This appears to be chiefly the case with the makers of the North, who, it is reported, find some trouble in filling the orders which come to them. Founders in Paris and other parts of the country are tolerably busy. We some time since referred to the peculiar advantages which the great Minette iron ore belt of France and Luxembourg offers for the production of steel from cheap low grade pig. The importance of this matter has been quickly recognized by the De Wendels, who have commenced operations, and who intend, in conjunction with Schneider, of Creusot, to start steel making by modern dephosphorizing processes in the vicinity of Longwy. Belgium, on the other hand, is struggling hard to find an outlet for its surplus product in foreign countries. The home market is monopolized by Belgian makers, to whom exclusively the chief buyer, the government, turns over its orders. But the country largely imports foreign crude materials, which are worked into finished products to be exported. Recent statistics show that this movement has so far during this year been in general less strong than in previous times. It may be of interest to state that the Belgian government is reported to have sold no less than 10,000 tons of old iron rails for export to America, at a price equivalent to about \$14.75 to \$15. Manufacturers, who are generally forced to take this old material as part payment for new supplies, look upon the clearing away of this old stock with favor, and they are hopeful that the revival in this country, in England and in France will aid in creating a better market for their products and in easing their position somewhat. In Germany the unprecedented business depression has continued without any features of encouragement to any industry. The iron trade has not been an exception to the rule. It has continued dull and inactive, and some of the leading districts have been forced into further contraction of output. Attempts have been made to raise the prices of wrought iron, and some Westphalian pig manufacturers are contemplating similar measures, but it is feared that success will not come up to expectations. The tariff has not yet been in operation long enough to manifest its beneficial influence upon trade and prices, and ironmasters are therefore forced to await future developments. In Austria some improvement has been noted of late. The demand for pig iron, it is true, is still unimportant, but, on the other hand, sheet, plates and other shapes are much inquired for. The rail mills have succeeded in maintaining prices by a combination, and it has become the rule with the government officials, controlling a large portion of the railways of the country, to exclude foreign bidders. It is stated, however, that the government officials have, through a prominent newspaper, given the rail manufacturers warning that if attempts were made to further advance prices, the exclusion of foreign makers would be stopped. In their turn, home manufacturers appear to have arrived at an understanding with their German competitors by which a further advance will be made possible. There has been some agitation recently looking to a tariff treaty with Germany on the favored nation basis, but it is urged that the policy of the German government to stop the transit trade would render any advantages gained by a revised tariff useless.

Beginning Work on the Tehuantepec Route.

The work of opening the proposed interoceanic route across the Isthmus of Tehuantepec has actually begun. Word has just been received by the syndicate in New York who are engaged in this grand undertaking, that a corps of engineers have commenced dredging, building wharves, surveying, &c., at the mouth of the Goatzacoalcos River, which forms the harbor at the Gulf terminus of the proposed railroad. This enterprise, it will be remembered, is under the authority of a grant or concession recently obtained from the Mexican Government by Mr. Edward Larned, of Pittsfield, Mass. No time has been lost in organizing for work and providing the requisite means. By the 15th of October a cargo of 2000 tons of steel rails will leave Great Britain, so that the work of construction can go on at once. Other supplies are obtained from Galveston, Pensacola and New York. Included in the various appliances is a powerful steam dredge, purchased in Galveston, to be employed in removing the bar to the Gulf port. About two months will be required to give an entrance for vessels of 24 feet draft. In the latter part of October the first cargo of lumber will arrive from Florida, comprising ties, planking and other materials of construction. Simultaneously, as nearly as the calculation can be made, additional supplies will be received from New York, comprising boilers and stationary engines, carts, wheelbarrows, implements—in short, everything which the contractors will need to push the work with vigor.

As we learn from the chief executive officer of the syndicate, who has personally explored the ground, there can be no question as to the success of the enterprise. H. D. B. Norris has been appointed chief engineer, and W. J. McAlpine, consulting engineer in New York. Mr. Larned, the grantee, had no difficulty whatever in carrying his plans into execution, four-tenths of the interest held by him having been immediately taken by personal friends, while offers to purchase were made far in excess of the entire amount. The grant referred to gives Mr. Larned three years in which to build, the company being bound to construct yearly a section of not less than 63 kilometers, or about 39 miles. The railroad is to start from the mouth of the Goatzacoalcos River and extend to the upper lagoon, near the Pacific Ocean, whence a canal must be excavated to the western extremity of the route. The lagoon, or lake, will form a harbor, to be equipped with wharves, light-houses, &c. The concession from the Mexican government comprises a land grant of alternate sections three miles square, and control of the harbor at the mouth of the Goatzacoalcos for 99 years; also of the lakes on the Pacific side. At the expiration of this period the road must be surrendered to the government, the latter taking the rolling stock at one-half its appraised valuation and the track at \$13,000 per mile.

The history of this project can be briefly stated: In 1877 Mr. Edward Larned and others purchased what is known as the La Sere grant from Simon Stevens, who agreed to have the concession extended to this syndicate. Failing to do so, Mr. Larned ascertained that the Mexican government refused to recognize the former company in any manner whatever, but he succeeded in obtaining an entirely new grant, which was issued June 2, 1879. The friendly disposition of the governors of the two adjoining States of Oaxaca and Vera Cruz was strongly manifested. The former personally aided the measure in its passage through the Mexican Congress, and stated to Mr. Larned that he would supply 20,000 laborers and all necessary provisions in prosecuting the work. In like manner, the governor of Vera Cruz gave his assurance that he would assist to the utmost of his power, believing that the harbor of Goatzacoalcos must eventually become the chief seaport of the republic, as the harbor at Vera Cruz was fast filling up from the effect of northerly and shifting sand.

In another column we print one chapter from a history of the anthracite coal trade, written by Mr. P. D. Luther, who sketches the early development of iron making with anthracite as a fuel. His historical researches in this branch of his work have not, by any means, been as extended or as critical as those of Mr. James M. Swank and others, but he publishes selections from some contemporaneous speeches, letters and documents, which will be read with interest. As we have had occasion to remark, Mr. Luther does not seem to have been even ordinarily persevering in his work, or he would not have committed the errors of omission of which he has been guilty. In the whole of his article we fail to find any allusion to one man who co-operated largely in the work of introducing anthracite as a fuel in iron smelting in this country and in Wales, and to whose merits all earlier historians agree in paying tribute. We refer to the venerable David Thomas, who on the 3d of next month will celebrate the eighty-fifth anniversary of his birthday. Mr. Thomas, who now lives in his comfortable and elegant home at Catusauqua, Pa., surrounded by an affectionate family and a throng of devoted friends, is a native of Wales, where he was born in 1794. He entered the iron business early in life, and in 1834 he associated himself with Mr. George Crane, and both together made the first attempts at smelting iron with anthracite and hot blast at Ynscedwin, Wales. It was Mr. Thomas who, at the call of Messrs. White, Hazard and others, Pennsylvanians, came to this country in June, 1839, as one practically acquainted with the use of the intractable fuel. On the 4th of July, 1840, after innumerable delays and difficulties, he successfully blew in the Catusauqua Furnace of the Lehigh Crane Iron Company. Although he was preceded in this country by Geissenheimer, Pott, Baughman, Lyman, Firmstone, Patterson and others, much of the early success and the rapid extension of the manufacture of anthracite iron is due to his energy, determination of purpose, industry and fidelity. He overcame great obstacles and met with much distrust and doubt, which alone a character as unyielding as his could overcome. Mr. Thomas holds a high rank among the men who have contributed by their energy, industry and zeal in building up the great industries of this country, and during his long life has earned and still commands the esteem and admiration of troops of friends.

France is suffering the disadvantages of a heavy adverse trade balance. The total value of the foreign trade of France for the first six months of 1879 is estimated at 3,762,972,000 francs, including 2,232,468,000 francs in imports and 1,530,494,000 francs in exports, or an excess of imports over exports to the value of 701,974,000 francs. Compared with the corresponding period of last year, the present return shows an increase of 285,495,000 francs in the imports, and of 16,531,000 francs in the exports. In the first half of 1878 the value of the food imported was 541,500,000 francs; this item increased to 822,500,000 francs in the first half of the present year. The imports of raw materials for manufactures have increased by 3,500,000 francs. In value the imports had increased in value from 25,000,000 francs in the first half of 1878, to 45,000,000 francs in the corresponding period this year; while the exports of French manufactures have also increased to the extent of 19,000,000 francs on the same periods.

In a recent consular report from Germany attention is drawn to the fact that American inventors take advantage only in a limited degree of the protection which the new patent laws of Germany offer them. This, it is claimed, is largely due to the fact that the fees, when compared to our own, are excessively high. While undoubtedly barring many Americans, we are inclined to believe that high fees are by no means the chief obstacle which renders the acquisition of German patents by American inventors comparatively rare. We have in former issues of *The Iron Age* pointed out certain provisions of the German patent law relating to priority of publication, and have repeatedly warned against negligence in securing German patents, which must be very promptly taken out. Many applications have been refused on the ground that the German law prohibits the grant of a patent a description of which has been published in the *Official Gazette* of the United States, but there is reason to believe that experience will soon teach inventors and their attorneys the necessity of shaping their course accordingly. It is expected also that, as the German Patent Office is not alone self-sustaining, but is in receipt of revenues exceeding its expenditures, it will soon be able to reduce the fees exacted to reasonable limits. The more prominent disadvantages, which are looked upon by many as constituting the chief obstacles for Americans, are, therefore, progressing to a more favorable issue. One provision of the law, however, which has probably attracted little attention, seems destined to prove very troublesome to American inventors. The German law of 1877 contains a clause embodying the well-known compulsory working of patents within a specified time—three years in the case of Germany—a hampering restriction which legislators in this country have long since abandoned as being impracticable. Experience in Belgium, France and Austria has similarly shown how difficult to enforce and how unjust compulsory working is, and there is every reason to believe that foreigners will suffer in Germany also. A German patent can be revoked by the Patent Office, if the patentee fails to carry it out in Germany within three years from the date of its issue. Now, it would appear that the Patent Office refuses to bind itself by a judicial interpretation of the law, excepting in special cases. This will give rise to much uncertainty as to what really constitutes working of the patent in Germany, and add considerably to the hardships which compulsory working, even if leniently enforced, saddles upon foreign inventors.

Messrs. Bolckow, Vaughan & Co. report good progress with the dephosphorizing experiments, and say they are making good rails from Cleveland pig; but for the first time since the present limited liability company was organized, they have found it advisable to pass the semi-annual dividend. The solution of great problems in metallurgy almost always entails sacrifices, and the unfortunate part of it is that while the world stands ready to profit by such sacrifices, they are rarely appreciated at their true value. However, the world moves, and there will always be those upon whom "the print of the golden age" is not so deeply stamped that they can spare nothing to aid in promoting progress.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF MINING ENGINEERS.

Incidents of the Fall Meeting at Montreal.

The first foreign meeting of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, held last week in Montreal, was in many respects a great success. The May and September meetings are not commonly conspicuous for scientific interest, as the excursions and entertainments sadly interfere with business of a more serious kind, less entertaining to the ladies. However, the Montreal meeting was not lacking in scientific interest, while it was decidedly a success as regards its entertainments and the hospitalities of the good people of Montreal.

The headquarters of the Institute was at the Windsor Hotel, which is sufficiently interesting to merit passing notice. It is one of the largest and most magnificent hotels on this continent, and while its decoration is not in all respects in good taste, its gorgeousness surprises the traveler who remembers past experiences in the hotels of this and other Canadian cities. It is stated that the Windsor is largely supported by the patronage of young people on their bridal tours. It is admirably adapted for this, as its frescoes and ornaments will give the happy beginners in married life rosate views of the future, while experience of its internal economy will teach them the fact, to be learned sooner or later—and best learned sooner—that one of the most difficult things to secure in this world is good service. The staff of dining-room waiters seems to have been supplied largely from some charitable institution for the support of aged and indigent men. These poor old grey-beards hobble around and do the best they can, but it cannot be said they make first-class waiters. But we started out to give a brief description of the Windsor.

THE WINDSOR HOTEL.

is built upon the healthy upper plateau of the city, and occupies an entire block, bounded by Peel, Dorchester and Stanley streets. The ladies' entrance opens upon Dorchester street, and is protected from rain and sun by a broad canopy, which stretches to the street. In close proximity to the entrance are the waiting-rooms for guests and the ladies' reception room, which

is elaborately furnished and decorated in Pompeian style, and is undoubtedly the gem of the house.

The main entrance to the hotel is on Peel street and leads directly into the grand rotunda, wherein are situated the office proper, the ticket and telegraph offices, &c. Occupying a position in the open space within the square of buildings, the rotunda has a dome roof, elegantly frescoed. To the left of the main entrance is the gentlemen's waiting-room, which is frescoed and furnished in strictly Egyptian style, and is a very "swell" apartment.

The main staircase ascends from the junction of the ladies' entrance hall with the rotunda to the grand promenade, on the second floor, which is 180 feet long by 30 wide, passing in front of the drawing-rooms to the main dining-room, which is as unique and gorgeous in its decorations and architecture as it is commanding in height and size. It is 112 feet long by 52 feet wide. The ceiling is 27 feet high; the floor is of marble; the walls are surrounded by 52 columns and pilasters, the bases of black walnut and the shafts of butternut, highly polished. This mammoth banquet chamber is lighted by 13 windows and three large dome lights. Here Almini, of Chicago, has apparently sought to exhaust his pictorial powers. Above the pillars he has painted a series of beautiful landscape views, which entirely circle the hall. They comprise scenes from Great Britain, the Continent and tropical climes. At the east end is a gallery, or band room, which can be shut off from the hall by sliding doors. At the west end of the dining hall is the ladies' ordinary or small dining-room, 60 feet long by 40 in width. This was also decorated by Almini.

On the east side of the promenade, and overlooking Dominion square, are the suite of grand parlors, 100 feet long by 30 wide, fitted up regardless of cost. Adjoining the main parlors are the bridal chamber and parlors. Here Almini has been remarkably successful in his work. The marble work was executed in Montreal, and the furniture of the parlors and first and second floors was brought from New York. The cabinet and art work and decorating is unsurpassed on the continent. The remainder of the hotel proper is given up to bed-rooms *en suite*, with parlors, &c., or single rooms. The corridors are uniformly 12 feet in width, and are bordered with black walnut. The division walls are all of brick, and the floors filled, thus deadening all sounds above and below. Above the sixth story is the observatory, or look-out tower. It has two series of port-holes or windows, the upper ones being 130 feet from the ground. Access can be had to the dome, where a height of 150 feet is attained.

THE OPENING SESSION AT MCGILL UNIVERSITY.

The institute was called to order shortly after 8 o'clock, on the evening of the 16th, by Dr. T. Sterry Hunt. The attendance was very large, and Molson Hall was well filled. Dr. Hunt, as chairman of the local committee, opened the proceedings by introducing Mayor Rivard, who appeared wearing a stunning gold necklace or brooch, or some kind of an ornament which was understood to be the insignia of his office, though by some benighted Americans it was mistaken for a watch chain. This gentleman, in a very appropriate address, welcomed the Institute to Montreal. He was followed by Principal Dawson, who made a delightful address, which was much appreciated. Principal Dawson is a ripe scholar and a Christian gentleman of rare graces.

President Cox then delivered the address which is customary at the opening of the meetings. As this was the first meeting held outside the United States, he thought that a statement of the objects and purposes of the Institute was especially appropriate. We quote as follows:

"The first, and I think by far the most important function of the Institute, and that which really has caused it to grow so quickly and so vigorously, is that it prevents mental waste and stimulates men to intellectual activity, outside of the mere routine business of their profession. There is scarcely an engineer, however limited his practice may have been, who has not made some experiment, met and overcome some difficulty or solved some problem that has not yet been discussed in our technical literature. These may not be of the highest importance, and may have occurred in the practice of dozens of other engineers, but so long as the results obtained have not been reduced to writing and put on record in some well-known work or periodical that is accessible to the profession, they are generally waste products so far as the world at large is concerned, for they may die with the possessor, or, even when they have been carefully preserved by the investigator, may be sold as waste paper by some one into whose hands they may fall, and who will be unable to appreciate their value.

In many cases the course of experiments undertaken requires years, perhaps a lifetime, to bring them to a successful conclusion, and in that case they do not furnish matter for a magazine article. If, however, at any time a member of an association such as ours should think that he had discovered some fact or principle which was therefore unknown to the world, and which promised important results, at the first meeting thereafter he would call the attention of the members to it in a preliminary note, giving only a general outline of what he had done and of what he proposed to do, reserving details and conclusions for his final paper. Should he, as is often the case, be simply investigating some problem that has already engaged the attention of others, or should some other member be engaged in the same line of study, it would be brought to his attention at once in the discussion that would take place after the reading of the note, and he would be informed of what had already been accomplished, or at least referred to some authority from which he could obtain such information; many of the members would be likely to give him isolated facts, the results of their own experience, which would aid him to explain points about which he was not yet clear. If he should be engaged on some original work which promised to be of value to all, he would be assured of it by the discussion of the subject, and would pursue his investigations with renewed vigor, feeling certain, in the first place, that it was not labor in vain, and in

the second, that he had placed himself on record by the reading of his note and by its publication in the transactions of the Institute, so that no one thereafter could dispute his claim to be the original investigator.

The second, and in my opinion the next most important function of the Institute, is the bringing together of the members of the profession who are scattered far and wide over the whole country, enabling them to become personally acquainted with each other, and thus tending to the formation of a professional standard. Ours is really a lonely profession. The lawyer, the physician, the clergyman, and even the civil and mechanical engineer, reside in most cases in more or less thickly populated parts of the country, where they are brought more or less in contact with other members of their professions, and thus are kept to a certain extent *au courant* with what is being done outside of their own special routine of duties. They are frequently called into consultation with each other, have access to a much larger professional literature, and are constantly brought in contact with educated and cultivated people of all kinds; but the mining engineer, except in special cases, must spend most of his time where his mine or his furnace is located, and these are generally situated far from the centers of civilization, their position being regulated by the existence of the ore or the fuel. The nature of mining enterprises is not such as tends to build up large cultivated societies around the works, so that the engineer is generally thrown upon his own resources, having access to no professional books and periodicals but those in his own library, which in most cases cannot be very numerous, in consequence of the high prices which must be paid for them. But the great increase in the number of mining engineers, the enormous development in this country of all the industries connected with and dependent upon mining, rendered such a condition of affairs no longer possible, and when in May, 1871, a few gentlemen met at Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania, and organized the American Institute of Mining Engineers, it was at once welcomed by the other members of the profession, and its success was assured from the very beginning.

That it supplies a real want is best shown, I think, by its six volumes of transactions, by the records of its meetings, and by its list of members whose achievements in all branches of mining and the associated industries are well known and recognized in all the civilized countries of the world. There is no doubt that the effect of our meetings, our publications, and of the publicity given to our proceedings, has been to raise the standard of the profession of mining engineering, and to make the public appreciate its importance. The result of bringing together, not as the representatives of rival interests, but socially and informally, the various members of the profession who live far from each other, and being engaged in dissimilar occupations, would, in the ordinary course of events seldom, if ever meet, has been the formation of friendships which are of the strongest character, which will in my own case as in many others, I feel sure, terminate only with life. Another advantage afforded by the meetings, is the opportunity of visiting many of the most important industrial establishments of the country, not only in company with the men who have constructed and are managing them, but also of those who are most competent to criticize them. Another important and agreeable function of the Institute has been the beginning and maintaining of friendly relations with our professional brethren across the water. This, which was so pleasantly and successfully inaugurated at the Centennial, has been kept up without intermission, and scarcely any foreign mining engineer who visits this country for the purpose of examining its resources, fails to avail himself of the facilities offered by our society, and all of our members who have visited Europe since 1876, have found the attention shown to Europeans in America by us have been thoroughly appreciated and returned abroad, and I hope that in this respect the usefulness of the society will increase rather than diminish. There is another function of the Institute which is, perhaps, the most agreeable one, and that is the breaking up of our every-day routine work three times a year and forcing us to lay it down, thus turning our minds into a new channel for about a week at a time. I would, therefore, say that our answer to the question, "What is the *raison d'être* of the American Institute of Mining Engineers?" may be summed up as follows: Our Institute is useful in preventing the immense amount of valuable information which is being accumulated daily by its members and others from being lost, and in placing it in a convenient form at the disposal of the scientific world; in encouraging its members to do original work and to communicate the results thereof to the public; in raising the standard of the profession and in causing the outside world to understand what a mining engineer is; in bringing the various members of the profession together, so that they learn to know and appreciate each other; in giving the members an occasion of visiting, in company with a great number of experts, the various industrial centers of the country and of inspecting the improvements made from time to time; in maintaining pleasant and profitable relations with foreign engineers, and in making a periodical break in our routine duties, and giving us all a week's holiday every three or four months, during which we can talk over together matters connected with our profession in an informal way; and, finally, in forming, cementing and maintaining professional friendships which are, in many cases, the strongest and truest.

Dr. Hunt followed with a few remarks in the same vein, showing how much wider the scope of the institute is than its name indicates, and how, besides mining, it represents chemistry, geology, mineralogy, metallurgy, the mechanic arts and applied science. He then surrendered the chair to President Cox, who called on Dr. Raymond for a paper on "The Zinc Deposits of Southern Missouri." It is our intention to publish this and several other papers of the session as soon as opportunity serves. In this report we can only say of Dr. Raymond's paper that it was very entertaining

and instructive, and peculiarly well adapted to the audience.

The members were then shown through the library and collections of the McGill University. This university, founded by Mr. James McGill, a merchant of Montreal, who died on the 19th December, 1813, at the age of 60 years, is the most important educational institution in the Province of Quebec. Not having any children, Mr. McGill determined to devote a large portion of his fortune to some object of benevolence connected with his adopted country, and in his last will, made two years before his decease, he set apart his beautifully-situated seat of Burnside, on the slope of the mountain, with the sum of \$40,000, for the formation of a university, one of the colleges of which was to be named the McGill College. The endowment has since been largely increased by subscriptions and benefactions, principally derived from the citizens of Montreal, so that the property and endowments of the university now amount to more than half a million of dollars.

The college buildings are situated on Sherbrooke street. The principal structure consists of a main building, three stories in height, with two wings connected therewith by corridors. These buildings and corridors, which are built of Montreal limestone, contain the class-rooms of the Faculty of Arts, with its laboratories, museum and library, and the residence of the principal and secretary. To the left of the principal building stands the large and commodious structure, substantially built of Montreal limestone, for the Medical Faculty. This building is three stories in height, and besides three large class rooms, has accommodation for a dissecting-room 80 feet in length, a chemical laboratory fitted for 40 students, a museum and library. To the right of the principal building is the meteorological observatory, in which regular observations are maintained in connection with the Dominion system of weather signals.

The Library of McGill University contains upward of 16,000 volumes, not including the separate libraries of the Faculties of Law and Medicine. It contains many valuable and interesting books, and is open to visitors and readers under liberal regulations. It occupies the lower part of the William Molson Hall, which was erected by the gentleman whose name it bears. The museum occupies one of the corridors, and contains large and well-arranged collections in geology, zoology and botany. Among these is a magnificent collection of shells, presented to the university by the late Dr. Philip P. Carpenter, which is placed in a separate fire-proof room. The University also possesses an extensive and valuable philosophical apparatus, and collections of mining and mechanical models.

McGill University is non-denominational in its character, and includes Faculties of Arts, Law and Medicine and a department of applied science. It has about 40 professors and lecturers, and between 300 and 400 students.

TUESDAY'S SESSIONS

were well attended and interesting. They were held in the lecture room of the American Presbyterian Church, Dorchester street. President Cox occupied the chair.

The first paper was that of Prof. Egleston on "A New Law of Metals," which he has discovered by a long continued and important series of experiments on the fatigue of metals. The so-called fatigue of metals arises from two causes: 1. Cold rolling, which produces a cold flow of metals. 2. Shocks, either few, heavy and sudden, or many, slight and frequent. The breaks resulting from these causes indicate that the metals undergo not only a physical, but a chemical change. Some of the physical changes have been noted. The fact that a chemical change takes place has not been noticed heretofore. The speaker noticed that blows on metals produced a change in the color of the metal. Certain letters were punched in steel, and upon etching, they showed white. The same phenomenon was exhibited in metals that had been cold rolled. The fact of fatigue has been frequently noticed, but that it follows laws, and that rupture is both a physical and chemical phenomenon, is new. The question arises, How can these fatigued metals, rendered useless, be restored? There are two ways: first, by rest; second, by heat. This phenomenon which the speaker called the law of refreshment, is so far as he knows, a new one. It is constant and in nearly all metals. The Professor announced that he was constructing a machine with which to study the law. The only exception to this law of fatigue by shock is in the case of tin, which becomes brittle by rest, though tin can be restored by a very low heat. In answer to a question, Prof. Egleston stated that the chemical change consisted in a change in the condition of the carbon.

The discussion which followed Prof. Egleston's announcement of this law was interesting. Prof. Silliman gave some instances of the operation of the law of fatigue in the case of grape-vine iron and brass wire hung in coils in the laboratory. In answer to a question of Dr. Sterry Hunt, he gave some account of the effect of heat in changing the character of a certain alloy of tin, copper and antimony, which, when first cast, was crystalline and resonant, but lost these characteristics in rolling. The resonance was restored upon heating by plunging into an oil bath of high density. This fact has been largely used in the arts, notably by the Meriden Britannia Company. Dr. Hunt mentioned the well-known fact regarding old Spanish coins that seemed worn entirely smooth, but which were restored so as to bring out the device upon heating. Dr. Raymond suggested that the law was one of alloys—not of metals—and pointed out the similarity of the phenomena described by Prof. Egleston to those witnessed about a blast furnace in pig iron. Prof. Egleston replied that, in the sense Dr. Raymond used the word, all metals were alloys. Mr. Holley asked if Prof. Egleston had examined steel rails that had been cold-straightened as to the gag marks. Prof. Egleston answered that he had, and that they showed the gag mark every time. Mr. Holley stated that the effect of the use of the gag in cold-straightening on the steel rail was a most important question. At Krupp's works there is a fine of about \$1.25 for the appear-

ance of gag marks on rails. The most prominent engineers in Europe connected with steel works are searching for some method of straightening rails hot that will do away with this effect from the gag.

The second paper was by Mr. A. L. Holley, on "The Washing of Pig Iron for the Open-hearth and Puddling Processes at Essen." We shall print this paper with the drawings.

Prof. H. S. Munroe read an interesting paper on "Losses in Copper Dressing at Lake Superior," of which the following is an abstract:

The native copper of Lake Superior occurs in veins and in beds of conglomerate and amygdaloid. The product of the vein mines is mostly mass copper, though the vein stuff contains more or less finely disseminated copper, which must be separated by dressing. The product of the conglomerate beds is wholly stamp rock, while the amygdaloid beds yield both masses and stamp rock, the mass copper, however, forming usually but a small percentage of the product. There are now nine large stamp mills in operation, treating over 2600 tons of copper rock per day, and producing about 75 tons of copper every 24 hours. The tailings carry off about 25 tons in the same time. Over \$2,000,000 worth of copper is thus lost every year. This great loss is due to the poverty of the copper rock and to the fineness of the copper which it contains. The tailings coming from the jigs contain and carry off fine copper included in the grains of sand, as well as that which is lost in the form of float copper. The slime treatment on the Evans rotary table is very good, the losses being quite small. The loss of float copper from the jigs is due to the imperfect classification of the sands by the hydraulic separator, these sands containing, in some cases, 45 per cent. of slime. The included copper which is carried off in the coarse grains of sand can only be saved by recrushing these sands. In order to release all the copper contained in the conglomerate rocks these sands will have to be reduced to a slime, as Mr. Munroe found that sand fine enough to go through a 50-mesh sieve yielded free copper by vanning when crushed to go through a 100-mesh sieve. Another source of loss is the oxidation of the fine copper in the mine and before it reaches the dressing works. The loss from this cause is much larger than is generally known, and can only be reduced by sending the rock to the mill as soon as possible after it is mined. From some assays made by Prof. Munroe it would seem that freshly mined rock contains about one-tenth of its copper in the form of oxide; by the time it gets to the mill, several months after it is mined, one-third of the copper has oxidized, and in the tailings, after 12 months exposure, only 25 per cent. of the copper remains in the metallic form. Whether this is equally true of other mines, and in all cases, is exceedingly doubtful, and further investigation will be necessary to determine this and to find how far this large loss can best be prevented.

Prof. Munroe's paper was illustrated by a large number of assays of copper rock and tailings, and tables of dates and statistics illustrating the advantages and defects of the Lake Superior dressing methods, all of which will be published when his paper appears in the transactions of the Institute, to which publication we must refer those interested for further details of this investigation.

Mr. J. C. Platt, Jr., read a paper entitled, "Notes on Journal Bearings," which we shall give with illustrations in a succeeding issue.

At the afternoon session Prof. John A. Church read a paper on "New Machinery for Concentrating Ores," relating chiefly to Beck's improvements in jigging apparatus, in which the movements and results of the prospector's pan was very closely imitated by steam power.

Mr. John Birkinbine, of Pine Grove Furnace, Pa., read a paper of great interest, which we shall publish in full in our next issue.

Mr. R. P. Rothwell read a paper on the "Silver Sandstones of Southern Utah," which was illustrated with specimens.

In the evening Dr. and Mrs. Hunt were "at home" to the members and ladies and a number of well-known citizens. The evening was much enjoyed by the company.

THURSDAY

was a very busy day, its engagements and pleasures lasting well into Friday morning. The first event was a visit to the Museum of the Geological Survey, through which the visitors were conducted by Mr. A. R. C. Selwyn, the Director of the Survey. The collection having been inspected and much praised, the party were taken for a drive through the Mountain Park, which was greatly enjoyed. After luncheon an afternoon session was held.

Mr. Thomas MacFarlane, of Actonvale, P. Q., read a very interesting and instructive paper on "Silver Islet." He began by stating that mining enterprises in Canada had been uniformly unsuccessful, not because the ore deposits were mere points of mineralogical interest, for the mineral resources must be acknowledged to be very great. The experience gained in mining operations on Silver Islet vein during the last ten years confirms the ideas entertained at the outset regarding its geological relations. The facts developed in working it may be gathered from Mr. Curtis' longitudinal section, published in the *Engineering and Mining Journal* of 21st December, 1878. The dip of the vein is at a very high angle to the southeast, while that of the diorite which it intersects is 75 degrees southwest. It also appears that the vein has been productive only where the diorite formed one or both of its walls, and that, where it intersects the flags entirely outside of the diorite, it is completely barren. Even within the diorite band the vein is not invariably and uniformly productive, as the workings on the seventh, eighth and ninth levels unfortunately show. Should these be found to be the permanent relations of the mine, success will, of course, only be found in very deep mining or on a very short vein. It is certainly the fact that silver ore has been found, just under such relations, elsewhere in the district, but it is also the case that such ore has not yet given rise to any one profitable mine. It is quite possible, how-

ever, that by exploring the vein on its strike, especially to the northeast, some other of the numerous dykes of this location might be intersected, which might cause the vein to be ore-bearing at the line of intersection. It is interesting to note that the relations of the Silver Islet vein just described, bear a close analogy to those of the silver veins of Kongsberg in Norway, the "fahlbands" there bearing the same relation to the ordinary gneiss which the diorite band at Silver Islet bears to the horizontal strata adjoining. A very noticeable feature of the Silver Islet vein is its continuity in depth. At the lowest point worked in July, 1877, more than 600 feet beneath the lake, Mr. MacFarlane observed another vein both as distinct and well defined as it appeared on the surface.

One of the strangest phenomena which the exploration of Silver Islet vein has yet developed, is the occurrence of inflammable gas in some of the workings. It is difficult to account for the formation of the gas, or for the fact that saline water accompanies it. This is, probably, the first instance on record of the occurrence of such a gas in a silver mine, and it tends to show that the rocks in the neighborhood of Silver Islet are of much more recent age than is generally supposed.

The secretary then read two short papers, one by E. G. Gibbon Spilsbury, Philadelphia, on "A New Air Condenser," and the other on "An Autographic Transmitting Dynamometer" by William Kent, Pittsburgh.

Prof. Silliman began an interesting and important paper on water gas, but was compelled to leave it unfinished by the arrival of the time for adjournment. It was ordered that the views of any member wishing to discuss Dr. Silliman's paper be printed with the proceedings.

Dr. Raymond, in a happily worded resolution, moved that the secretary be requested to convey the hearty thanks of the Institute to the corporation, officials, citizens and others for the courtesies extended to the visiting members, which had so much conduced to the enjoyment of their stay here. The resolution was carried with enthusiasm.

Mr. J. Fraser Torrance acknowledged the vote of thanks in a few words expressive of his satisfaction that the efforts of the local committee had met with the approval of the visitors.

At 5 o'clock the company left Montreal by train for Lachine, where they boarded the steamer Prince of Wales, and ran down the Lachine Rapids. This was a very exciting, but delightful, experience. It looks as if the feat was extremely perilous, but probably it is not so much so as it seems. It is only necessary to start the steamer right and the water takes her through, though the alleged Indian pilot who sat comfortably smoking a pipe in the wheel-house, got the credit.

In the evening the subscription dinner was given at the Windsor. It is understood that these dinners are not to be reported, which is much to be regretted, as they are delightful entertainments, and are occasions for much display of wit and oratory. The event of the Montreal dinner was the surprise to Dr. Drown. It will be remembered that, at the recent fire which destroyed Far-dee Hall of Lafayette College, Dr. Drown lost his valuable professional library, but saved the transactions of the Institute. There was a general desire among the members that his long service and devotion to the work of his office as secretary, as well as his heroic self-sacrifice in this instance, should be remembered, and that the remembrance should take such shape as would enable him to replace, as far as possible, his library. The subscriptions reached the sum of \$3000, which was presented by Dr. Raymond, treasurer of the fund, in a way calculated to embarrass the recipient as little as possible. Dr. Drown responded in a very graceful acknowledgment, which, considering all the circumstances of the case, was a memorable success. Among the speakers of the evening were: Prof. Dawson, Prof. Egleston, Mr. Rothwell, Mr. Holley, Prof. Silliman and others.

ON FRIDAY

the forenoon was spent examining the engineering works near Montreal and the harbor. The first stop was at the Victoria Tubular Bridge, which spans the St. Lawrence, giving uninterrupted rail communication between the Eastern States, Canada and the Great West. It is used only for railway transit, and gives the Grand Trunk Railway full control of railway approaches from the East. This great work was completed in 1866, under the superintendence of Robert Stephenson and his associates, and is one and a quarter miles in length, or two miles including the extensions. It is supported on 24 piers, the central span being 330 feet, the remaining ones 242, with massive abutments; the bridge tube is of iron 22 feet high by 16 wide, slightly lessening at the ends. It was erected at a cost of \$6,300,000. The height of the center span above ordinary river level is 60 feet. Three million cubic feet of masonry and 10,000 tons of iron enter into the construction of this gigantic work. Near the center there is an opening which affords a magnificent view of the river and city. No railroad train is allowed to enter this bridge without a written permit from the proper officer, thus insuring exemption from collision or accident. The passage is somewhat cheerless, occupying some six minutes, though seeming much longer to the passenger. The river beneath the bridge has a swift current, and the piers are calculated to withstand immense pressure from descending masses of ice. The piers are sufficiently massive to allow another or double-track bridge to be constructed, and it is believed the enterprise will engage the attention of engineers and capitalists. A good road could be had over the railway for carriages and pedestrians, and as additional facilities are required for crossing between the city and the south shore of the St. Lawrence, for railway and other purposes, this mode is undoubtedly the best.

The locks of the Lachine Canal were then visited, and subsequently the harbor. The existing wharfage accommodation measures 16,140 lineal feet, or more than three miles. There are 11,690 feet of wharf-room in 20 feet depth of water, and 4450 feet in 10 feet depth of water. In addition, there are now

under contract, part of which is near completion, 17,000 feet of new wharf at different points from Mill street to Hochelaga, of which more than one-half is in 24 feet depth of water.

At 1 p. m. the members and ladies of the party were entertained at a lunch tendered them by citizens at St. Lawrence Hall, and from 3 to 6 at a garden party by Mrs. Rodpath. This ended the festivities, and by night and early morning trains the visitors wended their way back to "the States" well pleased with Montreal and its hospitable citizens.

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AMERICAN TABLE CUTLERY

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Comprising over 12,000 dozen first and second quality Table Cutlery, Carvers, Butcher Knives, &c., desirable patterns and of the manufacture of the John Russell Cutlery Co., Landers, Frary & Clark, Beaver Falls Cutlery Co., Lanson & Goodnow Manufacturing Co., Meriden Cutlery Co., and American Cutlery Co.

In view of the present advance in Cutlery and the difficulty in obtaining goods for immediate consumption, this sale presents additional features to buyers in need of goods, as the entire quantity sold will be delivered immediately.

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OF VALUABLE

Factory, Machinery, &c.,
AT SOUTH NORWALK, CONN.

Pursuant to an order of the Court of Probate for the District of Norwalk, will be sold at public auction on

WEDNESDAY, the 15th day of October, 1879,

At 11 o'clock forenoon (unless previously disposed of at private sale), the valuable real estate lately belonging to the Norwalk Iron Works Company, and also all the Tools and Machinery, Boilers and Engines, Shafting and Belting, Foundry, Furnace and Cranes, all in running order and suitable for a first-class machine shop of large capacity; also Patents and Patterns of Steam Engines and Pumps. Said real estate adjoins the track of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., and has a convenient dock on Norwalk Harbor. The subscriber has been specially authorized by said court to make said sale.

also to take place on the premises. Terms and conditions made known at time of sale.

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A Woodruff & Beach
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Low pressure, 42-inch cylinder, 8-1/2 inch stroke, with fly wheel pulley 20 feet diameter, 35-inch face, and

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EXECUTORS' SALE OF AN

Anthracite Blast Furnace.

The subscribers, executors of the last will and testament of Peter Uhler, late of the Borough of Easton, Pa., deceased, will sell at public sale, at the Circle, in said Borough, on

THURSDAY, October 16, 1879,

At 2 o'clock P. M.,

all that certain Anthracite Blast Furnace, located in the Borough of Glendon, about two miles from Easton. The tract of land contains about 12 acres, and lies between the Lehigh Canal and Lehigh River, just below the Chain Dam, adjoining Glendon Iron Company's furnaces. The furnace erected thereon is a sheet iron casing stack, 14 1/2 feet high by 70 feet high, with closed top, 1 1/2 Morris & Co.'s low pressure condensing engine, 8 boilers, 2 Kent's hot-blast ovens, casting house, engine house, steam hoist, &c. Also 11 good tenement houses, large store, two at Lehigh and a blacksmith shop. The furnace buildings are of brick and stone and put up in the best manner, with all the modern improvements. The works were built in 1871, and are in good order and nearly ready to blow in. Stock can be supplied by boats on Lehigh and Morris Canals or Lehigh Valley Railroad. Hematite ores can be delivered to the furnace for \$2.65 per ton and limestone for 30 cents per ton. The terms and conditions will be made known on day of sale by

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Sale positive to close up the estate.

Rolling Mill for Sale.

The Real Estate, Machinery, Fixtures and Tools of the PORTLAND ROLLING MILLS will be sold at public auction, without reserve, to the highest bidder, at the mills,

TUESDAY, September 30, 1879,

At 3 o'clock P. M.

The property of the company consists of 69 acres of land on tidewater, in the town of Cape Elizabeth, Cumberland County, within ten minutes' drive of the city of Portland. Besides the mill buildings the company owns 35 tenements in 22 buildings, one hall used for church purposes, two stores and a thoroughly well fitted office, with fire-proof vault and all modern improvements. All the buildings are in good repair, and one 18-inch train, with all the machinery appertaining to the manufacture of rails and bar iron. Its capacity is 14,000 tons of iron rails or 6000 tons of merchant iron per year.

The property is provided with a thoroughly built wharf, at which vessels of 800 tons capacity can lie at low water, and is directly connected by rail with all the railroads entering at Portland. The mill is now in active operation, but possession will be given about the 15th of October, 1879. PHILIP HENRY BROWN, President, Portland, Maine.

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Special Notice.

Hardware Manufacturers' Exchange.

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The veins or mines are to a certain extent developed, and had been successfully worked for some time.

The greater part of the land would be well fitted for farming purposes, as the ground is very fertile, and the price asked for it will not exceed that asked for common farming land. Property in New York City or vicinity will be taken in exchange.

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Former proprietor, after successfully manufacturing Axes and Edge Tools in the vicinity for 30 years, designed and built this shop at an expense of \$10,000 for the continuance of the business, but failing during the late depression. The contract for scales for the mammoth elevator to be built by the well-known and successful contractors of this city, Messrs. Malster & Reaney, for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Jersey City, N. J., was just awarded to Messrs. Fairbanks & Co., and the importance of the order may be appreciated when it is stated that the weighing apparatus of the elevator will comprise forty-eight 15-ton scales, having a capacity of 600 bushels each, or 28,800 bushels in all. It may be added that Messrs. Fairbanks & Co. have just been successful in closing contracts for all the scales to be used in the following new elevators now in the course of construction: At Buffalo, N. Y., for the New York, Lake Erie and Western R. R. Co.; at Chicago, by Messrs. Armour, Dole & Co., and in Detroit, Mich., by Mr. Wm. H. Vanderbilt.—Baltimore American.

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The firm name most widely known to the mercantile world, and made so by the nature and extent of their business, is perhaps that of Messrs. E. & T. Fairbanks & Co. Not only is the honor of having been the first to invent and introduce the platform scale, thereby revolutionizing the whole system of weighing, theirs, but to their skill and energy is due the numerous improvements and degrees of perfection attained in all modifications of scales now in use. Their success as scale manufacturers has been unparalleled, and the steadily increasing business of their representative house in this city attests well the fact that the Fairbanks Scales in this section, as in others, ranks first in popular preference. The contract for scales for the mammoth elevator to be built by the well-known and successful contractors of this city, Messrs. Malster & Reaney, for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Jersey City, N. J., was just awarded to Messrs. Fairbanks & Co., and the importance of the order may be appreciated when it is stated that the weighing apparatus of the elevator will comprise forty-eight 15-ton scales, having a capacity of 600 bushels each, or 28,800 bushels in all. It may be added that Messrs. Fairbanks & Co. have just been successful in closing contracts for all the scales to be used in the following new elevators now in the course of construction: At Buffalo, N. Y., for the New York, Lake Erie and Western R. R. Co.; at Chicago, by Messrs. Armour, Dole & Co., and in Detroit, Mich., by Mr. Wm. H. Vanderbilt.—Baltimore American.

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Situation as Salesman, Business Manager or correspondent, by a gentleman who has been connected with a large rolling mill for many years, and has an extensive acquaintance with the merchants and consumers of iron throughout the country. Address,

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The old established Hardware Store of G. F. ROLLINS & Co., with a well-selected stock of \$3000 to \$5000, and a good run of custom.

WM. H. ROLLINS,

Administrator.

Dover, N. H., Sept. 4, 1879.

SITUATION WANTED.—In wholesale or first-class retail business. A thoroughly competent hard-working man, long connected with and referring to first-class well-known city houses, desires a position. Is posted in builders' and general hardware; is a competent bookkeeper and good salesman. No objection to leave the city. Address for reference and full particulars,

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A THOROUGH SALESMAN, with many years' experience on the road, and a good acquaintance with the Hardware Trade both East and West, is open for an engagement. Could invest, if desired, a few thousand dollars in a sure and good thing where the man is needed more than the money. Speaks German. Please address

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FOR SALE.—A complete establishment for the manufacture of Bolts and Nuts. A commodious brick building covered with slate. A large lot of ground with railroad track. A good steam engine and boiler. Counter-shafting, bolts, punches, bolt cutters, lathes, radial drills, taps, dies and everything in complete order for business. Will be sold at a bargain. Inquire of GEO. S. CAPELLE, or ALLEN GAWTHROP, Wilmington, Del.

FOR SALE OR RENT.—The Pequest furnace and 200 acres of ore and limestone; land can be sold or leased at a reasonable price.

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WANTED.—A SITUATION AS SUPERINTENDENT or manager, by a practical man who thoroughly understands the manufacture of iron in all its details, including merchant bar, hoops, sheets, plate and tank iron, &c. Satisfactory references. Address

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Wholesale Cutlery.

A favorable opportunity is offered to an active man, with a capital of at least \$25,000, to take the place of a retiring partner in a leading Cutlery business in one of the principal Western cities. For particulars address

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Wire Rods,

in lengths averaging sixty pounds, guaranteed to

draw at least to No. 9 without annealing and to

draw to No. 24.

For sale by

E. S. WHEELER & CO.,

54 Cliff Street,

NEW YORK.

JOHN E. SWAN & BROTHERS,

Trade Report.

Office of THE IRON AGE, (WEDNESDAY EVENING, September 24, 1879.)

The large receipts of specie from abroad, amounting since the 1st of August to about \$29,500,000, give assurance of continued ease in the money market, and relieve any anxiety which might otherwise result from the heavy drain upon the banks, caused by the large movements of produce. By the middle of next month the return movements of currency will probably exceed the outflow, and the tendency is rather toward a glut in the money market than toward stringency. To the increase of circulation, resulting from specie imports, we must add the production of precious metals, amounting to \$40,000,000, more or less, making, with the total receipt of \$35,600,000 since specie payments were resumed, a net gain of about \$75,000,000 gold and silver. In the local money market call loans have ranged 4 @ 7%. Time loans are easy at 5%; mercantile paper is quoted at 5 @ 6% for prime.

Government bonds have been strong and higher. Railroad mortgages were irregular, but desirable issues show an upward tendency. We give below the closing quotations of governments.

The stock market has been irregular—at all times active and sometimes wild with excitement. The coal shares have been favorites with the speculators. We give below the closing quotations of stocks on the active list.

The bank return shows an increase of \$1,938,875 in surplus reserve, which now stands at \$4,903,650, against \$12,535,200 at this time last year, and \$10,048,075 at the corresponding period in 1877. The loans show a gain this week of \$2,430,600; the specie is up \$65,100; the legal tenders are increased \$2,548,300; the deposits other than United States are up \$2,608,100, and the circulation is decreased \$218,600.

The following is an analysis of the bank totals of this week compared with that of last week:

	Sept. 13.	Sept. 20.	Comparison.
Loans.....	\$25,969,400	\$26,301,000	Inc. \$331,600
Specie.....	19,876,920	19,941,000	Inc. 64,080
Legal tenders.....	32,481,000	34,029,400	Inc. 1,548,400
Tot. reserve.....	59,327,320	61,271,400	Inc. 1,944,080
Deposits.....	225,372,920	228,271,000	Inc. 2,898,080
Reserve required.....	56,393,225	57,067,750	Inc. 674,525
Surplus.....	2,694,795	4,203,650	Inc. 1,508,855
Circulation.....	21,693,520	21,374,920	Dec. 318,600

The foreign trade movements at the port of New York since our last issue are shown in the following tables:

IMPORTS.

For the week ended September 20:

	1877.	1878.	1879.
Dry goods.....	\$1,718,017	\$1,808,253	\$1,843,833
General mfgs.....	4,011,216	3,773,775	4,579,510

Total for week. \$5,729,233
Prev. reported. 2,371,024 2,341,470 2,443,035

Since Jan. 1, 1879. \$24,228,057 \$20,053,498 \$23,057,804

Included in the imports were items of merchandise valued as follows:

	Quantity.	Value.
Anvils.....	258	\$4,300
Brass goods.....	33	4,412
Bronzes.....	55	13,397
Chains and Anchors.....	59	5,274
Copper.....	175	175
Cutlery.....	185	28,550
Gas fixtures.....	4	600
Guns.....	78	19,281
Hardware.....	200	25,569
Iron, hoop, tons.....	58	1,893
Iron, pig, tons.....	9,120	25,569
Iron, sheet, tons.....	35	3,098
Railroad bars.....	1,460	4,481
Iron ore, tons.....	3,364	5,994
Iron, other, tons.....	8,793	54,705
Metal goods.....	274	15,150
Nails.....	23	917
Needles.....	140	10,500
Old metal.....	150	150
Perforated caps.....	37	8,887
Saddlery (except.....	9	1,496
Steel.....	24,260	24,260
Silverware.....	6	885
Tin, bxs.....	45,537	202,570
Tin, 4473 shbls.....	108,613	44,663
Wire.....	81	140
Zinc.....	77,733	3,474

EXPORTS, EXCLUSIVE OF SPECIE.

For week ended September 23:

	1877.	1878.	1879.
For the week.....	\$7,427,911	\$7,543,295	\$8,810,466
Prev. reported.....	195,344,500	245,836,294	234,906,481

Since Jan. 1, 1879. \$204,772,441 \$254,379,589 \$243,746,947

EXPORTS OF SPECIE.

For the week ended September 20:

	1877.	1878.	1879.
Total for week.....	\$173,585		
Previously reported.....	18,773,341		

Total since Jan. 1, 1879. \$12,431,226

Government bonds at the close were quoted as follows:

	Bid.	Asked.
U. S. Currency 6%.....	121 1/2	123
U. S. 6% 1880 registered.....	103 1/2	104
U. S. 6% 1880 coupon.....	103 1/2	104
U. S. 6% 1881 registered.....	103 1/2	104
U. S. 6% 1881 coupon.....	103 1/2	104
U. S. 6% 1882 registered.....	103 1/2	104
U. S. 6% 1882 coupon.....	103 1/2	104
U. S. 4% 1879 registered.....	101 1/2	102 1/2
U. S. 4% 1879 coupon.....	101 1/2	102 1/2

The following were the closing quotations of active shares:

	Bid.	Asked.
American District Telegraph.....	67 1/2	67 3/4
Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph.....	34 1/2	35 1/4
Canada Southern.....	65 1/2	66 1/4
Canton.....	46 1/2	47 1/4
Carroll.....	5 1/2	5 3/4
Col. Chicago and Indiana Central.....	12 1/2	12 3/4
Cleveland and Pittsburgh.....	101	102
Chic. St. Paul and Minn.....	46 1/2	47 1/4
Chicago and Alton.....	96 1/2	97 1/4
Ches. and Ohio.....	9 1/2	9 3/4
" 1st Pref.....	37	38
" 2d Pref.....	11 1/2	11 3/4

Delaware, Lack. and Western.....	64 1/2	64 3/4
Delaware and Hudson Canal.....	54 1/2	54 3/4
Express-Adams.....	50 1/2	50 3/4
" American.....	50 1/2	50 3/4
" United States.....	44 1/2	44 3/4
" Wells, Fargo & Co.....	59	59 1/2
Erie.....	27 1/2	27 3/4
" Pref.....	23 1/2	23 3/4
Hannibal and St. Joseph.....	23 1/2	23 3/4
Homestake.....	21 1/2	21 3/4
Houston and Texas.....	17 1/2	17 3/4
Illinois Central.....	91 1/2	91 3/4
Ind., Cincinnati and Lafayette.....	63 1/2	63 3/4
Kansas Pacific.....	70	70 1/2
Lake Shore.....	93	93 1/2
Louisville and Nashville.....	61 1/2	61 3/4
Michigan Central.....	83 1/2	83 3/4
Morris and Essex.....	93 1/2	93 3/4
Mobile and Ohio.....	105 1/2	105 3/4
Nashville and Chattanooga.....	43	43 1/2
New York Central.....	118 1/2	118 3/4
New Jersey Central.....	85 1/2	85 3/4
Northwest.....	81 1/2	81 3/4
" Pref.....	90 1/2	90 3/4
Ohio and Mississippi.....	17 1/2	17 3/4
Pacific Mail.....	27 1/2	27 3/4
Quicksilver.....	12 1/2	12 3/4
" Preferred.....	47 1/2	47 3/4
Rock Island and Pacific.....	140	140 1/2
St. Louis and Iron Mountain.....	42 1/2	42 3/4
St. Louis Kansas City Northern.....	24	24 1/2
" Pref.....	60	60 1/2
St. Louis and San Francisco.....	18 1/2	18 3/4
" Pref.....	21 1/2	21 3/4
St. Paul.....	68 1/2	68 3/4
" Pref.....	100 1/2	100 3/4
Standard.....	30 1/2	30 3/4
Union Pacific.....	41 1/2	41 3/4
Wabash.....	43 1/2	43 3/4
Western Union Telegraph.....	23 1/2	23 3/4

GENERAL HARDWARE.

Business continues active, and the market for Hardware, owing to the prevailing upward tendency in values, is in some departments feverish and excited. The stimulus that such periods as we are passing through at present gives to speculative transactions is keenly felt, and manufacturers, in consequence, in a great many instances are withdrawing all quotations and declining business which, in their estimation, has more of the speculative than the real element in it. The following card from Horace Durrie & Co. shows the temper of the trade in this respect:

Office of HORACE DURRIE & CO., 97 CHAMBERS AND ST. READE STREETS, NEW YORK, September 16, 1879.

In consideration of the unsettled state of the market on all kinds of stock, we are obliged to withdraw all previous quotations on the lines of goods we represent.

All orders you may favor us with we will fill as early as possible at prices ruling at date of shipment. Yours, truly, HORACE DURRIE & CO.

Notices of similar import have been issued by Graham & Haines, Lawrence Curry Comb Company, Madden & Cockayne File Company, Wheeler, Madden & Clemens Manufacturing Company, Biddle Hardware Company, Jacobus & Nimick Manufacturing Company, Penn Hardware Co., Cheritree Hardware Co. and others.

The Nail Manufacturers, composing the Atlantic States Nail Association, held a meeting in this city on Thursday last, when the price of rod, to 60d. was further advanced to \$3.25, net. From this price no rebate for quantity orders is allowed. The demand is reported fair and supplies unusually light and badly assorted. We quote rod, to 60d. \$3.25 net, with no disposition on the part of makers to accept large contracts for future delivery, except at prices ruling date of shipment. For small lots an advance on the card rate of 10 to 25 cents per keg is asked.

The Lock manufacturers, in view of the increased cost of materials, have advanced prices to the equivalent of discount 65 per cent. from Russell & Erwin Mfg. Co.'s list. The advance is about 16 1/2 per cent. The following notices have been issued, and corresponding notices by other manufacturers are in course of preparation, and will be issued with their revised lists:

NOTICE.

Office of RUSSELL & ERWIN MFG. CO., NEW YORK, September 18, 1879.

We have this day made our discount on Locks, Knobs, Escutcheons, Keys, &c., on pages 1 to 168, of 1879 catalogue (except Porcelain and Mineral Drawer and Shutter Knobs), 65 per cent. We have also made our discount on Real Bronze Goods, 10 per cent., subject to change without notice. All orders subject to our ruling rates at date of shipment. No prices guaranteed.

RUSSELL & ERWIN MFG. CO.

Office of the NORWICH LOCK MANUFACTURING COMPANY, NORWICH, CONN., September 18, 1879.

We this day advance our discount on Door Locks, Knobs and Escutcheons, to 45 per cent., and 2 per cent. for cash—30 days.

NORWICH LOCK MFG. CO.

Owing to the rapidly advancing prices of metals and labor, the above discount is quoted subject to change without notice.

BRANFORD LOCK WORKS, BRANFORD, CONN., Sept. 23, 1879.

To the Editor of The Iron Age.—DEAR SIR: Pending the preparation of a new revised price list of our goods, we would say for the information of the trade that our new price list will be based on the present list of the Russell & Erwin Mfg. Co., at 65 per cent. discount. Yours, &c., BRANFORD LOCK WORKS.

Sargent & Co. have issued the following circular of additional changes in discounts:

CHANGES.

The following changes have been made since the issue of our Discount Sheet No. 7, of September 15:

Page in 1877 Catalogue.	Discount Per cent.
34. Nos. 165 and 166, Plate Hinges; 6, 8, 10 and 12 in., per 100 lbs., \$6.50; 14 in. and larger, per 100 lbs., \$5.20.....	Net.
35. Nos. 166 and 168, Hook Hinges; 6, 8, 10 and 12 in., per 100 lbs., \$6.50; 14 in. and larger, per 100 lbs., \$5.20.....	Net.

36. No. 93, Heavy Hook Hinges; 8, 10 and 12 in., per 100 lbs., \$6.50; 14 in. and larger, per 100 lbs., \$5.20.....	Net.
37. Drawers Pulls, Nos. 20, 21, 300 and 185.....	75
38. Stebbins' Genuine Gates.....	55
39. L. F. & C's Gates (Stebbins' Pattern).....	55
40. Deep Socket Casters.....	37 1/2
41. 555, Mallory, Wheeler & Co's Locks, Knobs, &c., see last pages of discount sheet No. 6 for lists, and change the discounts from 40 and 7 1/2 and to.....	37 1/2
42. Padlocks (not changed).....	37 1/2
43. Patent Roller Sliding Door Sheaves.....	12 1/2
44. Charcoal Iron.....	75
45. Scandinavian Padlocks.....	75
46. New 703, Shoe Nails.....	Net
47. Iron 4-8ths and longer.....	5 1/2
48. 5-8ths and shorter.....	5 1/2
49. Swedes Iron.....	8
50. Zinc.....	7 1/2
51. Copper.....	13
52. Hob Nails, change list.....	Net
53. Flat Head Iron Screws.....	11 1/2
54. Japanned Screws.....	40
55. 10 per cent. extra discount for prompt cash.	

SARGENT & CO., New York and New Haven, Conn. New York, Sept. 23, 1879.

Roy & Co. and the Stanley Works have this day made the following prices on Wrought Butts, viz.:

	Dis.	Per cent.
Wrought Broad Butts, Narrow Butts, Table, Back Flaps, Inside Blind, Pew Door, Chest, Loose Joint Butts, Reversible Butts, Light Narrow, Light Inside Blind.....	60	
1. Pin Light Narrow Butts.....	45	
Inside Blind Butts.....	45	

It is expected that these prices will become general with all of the manufacturers. At a meeting of the Auger and Bit Manufacturers' Association, held at the Astor House, in this city, to-day, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That on and after this date (Sept. 24) the discount on Augers and Bits shall be 50 per cent., cash 30 days, on the list adopted by the association December 4, 1878, and that all previous quotations are hereby withdrawn. That Augers 10-4 and larger shall be 10 per cent. advance on smaller sizes.

It will be seen by the following joint circular that the price of Coes' Wrenches have been advanced:

NEW YORK, September 23, 1879.

To the Trade: Referring to our circular of the 1st inst., and in view of continued advance in and scarcity of raw material, we are instructed to advise a further advance in price of Coes' Genuine Screw Wrenches of either make to 60 per cent. discount from list. Mechanics' Wrenches, made by L. Coes & Co., and similar quality made by A. G. Coes & Co., will continue to rate at 10 per cent. less than the Genuine. The foregoing changes to take place on this date, and are quoted subject to change without notice. All previous quotations are hereby withdrawn and annulled.

HORACE DURRIE & CO., Agents for L. COES & CO. GRAHAM & HAINES, Agents for A. G. COES & CO.

Graham & Haines, No. 113 Chambers street, are general agents for the Stock Bells manufactured by T. P. Barclay, of Louisville, Ky., under the trade mark "J. Geo. Dodge's Kentucky Bell." They carry a full stock and are prepared to fill orders at factory prices. On the 15th instant an advance of 10 per cent. was announced on these goods.

We have received the following announcements:

NOTICE.

Owing to the disposition of some of the leading buyers to order excessively, we find ourselves becoming so heavily loaded with orders as to greatly embarrass us in supplying the wants of the larger number. While we have no desire to change our prices before January 1, 1880, unless compelled to, we deem it for the best interest of all to advise you:

That all orders hereafter received will be subject to ruling rates at time of shipment, without further notice.

We shall hereafter accept orders only to the extent of our ability to fill them; and any unfilled orders remaining on our books at time of any change will be continued (in the absence of special notice to contrary) to be executed as fast as possible at such new rates.

NICHOLSON FILE COMPANY, W. T. NICHOLSON, President. PROVIDENCE, September 18, 1879.

NEW YORK, September 22, 1879.

Owing to the recent large advance in the price of iron, we have this day advanced the price of Scale Beams Nos. 1 & 2 to 25 per cent. discount from our list of September 1, 1879. All quotations heretofore made are hereby revoked. Trusting that you will continue to favor us with your orders.

We remain, yours truly, JOHN CHATILLON & SONS.

Boston, September 20, 1879.

To the Horse Shoe Nail Trade: We would call the attention of our customers to the printed terms on our invoices, viz.: All orders subject to price at time of delivery.

Owing to the excited condition and marked advance in the price of metals and other materials that enter into the manufacture of our Nails, we give this notice in order that no misunderstanding may arise, in case of any probable advance in the price of our Nails.

PUTNAM NAIL CO.

[Circular No. 11].

Office of the TABLE CUTLERY MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES. NEW YORK, September 22, 1879.

In addition to the changes named in our circular of September 4th, No. 10, we are compelled to make a further advance of 50 cents per gross on all Knives and Forks bearing the "Association" stamp. Also an advance of 15 cents per dozen on all Butcher Knives with the "Association" stamp.

John Russell Cutlery Co.; Landers, Frary & Clark; Lamson & Goodnow Mfg. Co.; Meriden Cutlery Co.; Beaver Falls Cutlery Co.; American Cutlery Co.

Landers, Frary & Clark have issued the following circular of changes in discounts under date of 22d instant.

[No. 4.] September 22, 1879.

LANDERS, FRARY & CLARK'S DISCOUNTS FROM LIST PRICES IN CATALOGUE OF JULY 1, 1878.

Note the following changes since our sheet No. 3, Page.....

	Per cent.
19. Fish Scales.....	55
19. Pan and Cover Lifters.....	60
19. "O.K." Tack Hammers.....	50
37. Wrought Meat Hooks.....	70
56. Tea Scales.....	45
57 and 58, Hatch Even Balance Scales, Nos. 171 and 172.....	40
57 and 58, Hatch Even Balance Scales, Nos. 165 and 166.....	35
57 and 58, Hatch Even Balance Scales, all except above.....	35
60. Excelsior Steel Yards.....	37 1/2
76. Stebbins & Lincoln's Pattern Gates.....	57 1/2
78. Eccleston's Water Gates.....	45
95. Drawer Pulls.....	60
95. Steak Hammers, New List.....	50
No. 1.....	\$3.50
No. 2.....	\$4.50
60. Scale Beams, New List.....	50
Each.....	50 100 150 200 250 300
Each.....	\$1.00 1.20 1.50 2.00 2.40 2.90
Pounds.....	350 400 500 600 700 800
Each.....	\$3.40 3.80 4.40 5.30 6.00 6.60
71. Balances, New List.....	25
No. 155.....	\$132
No. 158.....	\$140

Office of FRARY CUTLERY COMPANY, BRIDGEPORT, CONN. WIEBACH & HILGER HARDWARE CO., 54 CHAMBERS STREET, NEW YORK.

In addition to the advance of September 4, we have further advanced all the cheaper patterns of Wood and Bone Handle Knives and Forks about 50 cents per gross, and cheap Butcher Knives 15 cents per dozen.

FRARY CUTLERY CO. WIEBACH & HILGER HARDWARE CO. September 22, 1879.

FRANKFORD, PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 20, 1879.

In consequence of the advance in Iron and Steel already taken place, and its continued upward tendency, we feel compelled to withdraw all previous quotations. We shall issue a discount sheet October 1, and the 1st of each following month, for the benefit of our customers, until the prices of all material used by us are firmly established.

YERKES & PLUMB.

BLIND TRIMMINGS.

BOSTON, September 18, 18

Wrought Iron Pipe.—There appears to no falling off in the demand for Gas and Steam Pipe, and discounts have been reduced to 25 % for lots of 1000 feet and upward, and 40 % in a jobbing way; Boiler pipes, 40 %. Oil Well Casing and Tubing continue quiet and unchanged, although mer, in sympathy with the increased cost production. Tubing, 18¢, net; Casing, @ 80 net.

These are again subdivided into sections, showing respectively the business done in various kinds of iron, steel, tin plates, hardware and cutlery.

THE TIN-PLATE TRADE

dispute is as yet unsettled, and both sides are apparently quite obdurate. The masters have decided to close all the works (with one exception) unless the men accept the lower wages, and have already partially carried out the threat. There is an impression in some quarters that the manufacturers desire a suspension of production for three or four weeks, so as to force up prices, but I confess I fail to perceive the wisdom of that course of procedure. There are dangers other than those which are visible. The tin plate manufacturers know it, and if they are tacticians will make easy terms with their customers.

IN STAFFORDSHIRE

iron is rather more cheerful, and producers are beginning to look forward to higher figures. At present some current prices are, marked iron of ordinary quality: Bars, £7. 10/ @ £8. 2/6; sheets, £9 @ £9. 10/; hoops, £8. 2/6 @ £9. 2/6; plates, £8. 12/6 @ £9. 10/; angle iron, £8. 5/ @ £8. 10/; horse-shoe iron, £7. 10/ @ £8. 10/; nail rods, £7. 10/ @ £8. 10/; rivet iron, £8. 5/ @ £8. 10/; Common iron: Bars, £5. 5/ @ £6. 5/; sheets, £6. 10/ @ £8. 10/; hoops, £5. 12/6 @ £7. 5/; plates, £7 @ £8. 10/; angles, £5. 15/ @ £6. 10/; channel iron, £7. 5/ @ £8. 5/; fender plates, £8 @ £8. 10/; gas strip, £5. 12/6 @ £6. 10/; horse-shoe iron, £6 @ £7. 15/; nail rods, £5 @ £5. 17/6; rivet iron, £3. 5/ @ £3. 10/; T-iron, £6. 15 @ £7. Galvanized iron fully keeps up the advance of £1 per ton; corrugated sheets are quoted: No. 20 W. G., £12 @ £13. 10; 24 W. G., £14 @ £15. 10; 26 W. G., £16 @ £18. Hardwares have a tendency to firmness, which has not been the case for two or three years past.

FROM OTHER DISTRICTS

the current trade news is meager, but it may be "taken as read" that there is a little more doing, and a better feeling prevalent. At Sheffield the heavy industries are fairly engaged and the cutlery, &c., manufactures are making more time. I hear that Rodgers, Wostenholms, and Brooks & Crookes are doing very well on United States orders. At Birmingham the hardware trades are moderately well off for incidents, but the decided inferiority and backwardness of the harvest renders merchants and factors excessively cautious lest they should overload themselves. In South Wales and Monmouthshire the mills are doing more, even the Crawshays being reported to be on the eve of restarting. News from other districts.

FOREIGN.

FRANCE.

(Monteur des Interests Materials.)

PARIS, Sept. 7, 1879.—Metals.—Business, on the whole, is inactive, if we except some speculation in raw material and the resumption of building on an extensive scale in this city. Copper has been quiet, with a partial decline of 50¢. We quote per 100 kilos, Chili Bars, 141 @ 142; Ingots and Slabs, 151; Best Selected, 152.50; and Corroco, 150. Havre is unaltered. They quote Chili Bars, 142.75 @ 147.50. There is no change at Marseilles. They quote Small Refined Ingots, 151; Sheet Copper and Yellow Metal Sheathing, 170; ditto Copper, 175; and ditto Bolts, 180. Tin.—The firmness continues, and a fresh advance has been established at 2 @ 2.50 francs. We quote Banca, 182.50; Billiton, 185; Straits and Australian, 186.50; and English Common, 188. All sorts of Tin have improved at Marseilles, except Banca. They quote Banca, 185; Straits, 186; and English and French, 188. Lead.—This metal is in a favorable position, and has risen at Paris 1.50 francs. We quote the various sorts 37 @ 38, and Manufactured, 40. At Havre, First Fusion Soft Spanish commands 35.50 @ 37. At Marseilles, the upward movement continues; the works have got no stock left. An advance is reported of 50¢ to 1 franc in Pig Lead, and 1.50 @ 2 francs in Manufactures. They quote the former 25 @ 35.50; ditto Antimonial, 31; Shot, 30; and Sheet and Pipe, 40 francs. Spelter.—A stiff market can be reported from there, and a rise of 1 franc. We quote Silesian, 47.50 @ 48.50; and Sheet Zinc, 48. Havre is steady at 47 @ 48. At Marseilles, the price of Vieille Montagne Sheet Zinc has been raised 6 francs, and of other sorts 4 francs. The former is now worth 53 and the latter 60 francs. Old Remounted Sheet Iron is wanted, but at former prices. During the week there has been such a scarcity of iron for flooring in this city that several buildings have stopped work. The few dealers who had any iron flooring on hand have had it all their own way. T-iron has also been bringing good prices, say 19 francs the 100 kilos. Merchant iron has been less favored, the demand having slightly fallen off. No 3 has been keeping up well hitherto, but will be soon, we fear, as much neglected as No. 2. No conclusions are, however, to be drawn from this; on the contrary, the extraordinary revival which the iron trade has been and is undergoing will, from all appearances, make further headway. Thus the tendency in Pig Iron in France and abroad is a decidedly favorable one. Experiments with the forge drop hammer of 50 tons at the Marine Company's works at St. Chamond (Loire) have been made to the entire satisfaction of parties interested. This drop hammer will forge Steel Ingots of 60 tons for gun making. Previously these prices were made at Rive-de-Gier. It should be remarked that railroads, the army and navy are not at present giving large orders for immediate execution, but the railways are ready to contract for 1880. This is important, inasmuch as it shows that our railroads do not expect a general decline later on. While large commands for immediate delivery are scarce, small orders abound, and Sheet Iron, in particular, remains in active request, especially in Picardy and Lombardy. Coal.—At Paris, at the north and in the Pas-de-Calais Coal is slack; at St. Etienne is picking up.

SPAIN.

(Epoca.)

MADRID, Sept. 6, 1879.—Metals.—The government has published the official statistics of the average peninsular exports during the quinquennium 1874-78, compared with the corresponding period of 1869-73, according to which the exportation of Metals has considerably increased since pacification.

	1869-73.	1874-78.
Quicksilver.....	1,159	2,441
Copper in ingots.....	4,093	615
Iron in pigs.....	73,072	93,813
Lead.....	25,774	45,243
Copper in pigs.....	2,267	402,616
Iron in pigs.....	435,874	845,098
Other metals.....	15,613	38,171
Total.....	793,679	1,438,826

Relief for the Yellow Fever Sufferers.

The following contributions have been received by the Hardware Board of Trade, Limited, for relief of the sufferers by yellow fever at Memphis and forwarded to the Howard Association of that city:

Bruce & Cook.....	\$100
Wallace & Sons.....	100
Phelps, Dodge & Co.....	100
H. Roker & Co.....	100
Wielbusch & Hilger Hardware Co.....	100
Russell & Erwin Mfg. Co.....	100
Sargent & Co.....	100
Holmes, Booth & Haydens.....	100
A. A. Thompson & Co.....	50
Landers, Frary & Clark.....	50
J. L. Mott Iron Works.....	50
The Chas. Parker Co.....	50
Joshua Macy's Sons.....	50
Easton, Cole & Burnham Co.....	25
Lalanc & Grosjean Mfg. Co.....	25
United States Stamping Co.....	25
E. Ketchum & Co.....	25
H. L. Judd & Co.....	25
J. W. Frazier.....	25
Schoverling, Daly & Gales.....	25
F. & W. Clatworthy.....	25
Graham & Haines.....	25
Wm. Wilcox Mfg. Co.....	25
Spencer & Underhill.....	25
Chas. A. Schieren.....	20
Fernald & Siles.....	20
Smith, Cohn & Co.....	10
"Stranger".....	10
Chas. L. Mead.....	10
Total to date.....	\$7,370

U. T. HUNGERFORD, Treasurer.

New York, September 13, 1879.

To the Hardware Board of Trade, New York City.—GENTLEMEN: I am in your city representing the Howard Association of Memphis, who, in calamities like the one now visiting that city, become the medium by which the friendly fever-stricken victim receives the charity of his more fortunate fellow-men. At least 60 days will elapse before our city will be relieved, by the advent of frost, from the scourge that is daily adding to the already long list. There are at present about 400 patients under our charge, who are dependent upon us for physicians, nurses, medicines and nourishment, there being neither work nor wages now in our city. Unless aid is forthcoming immediately these patients must be abandoned to their fate, as the generous donations already received will be exhausted in a few days. Our expenses are averaging \$1000 daily. To New York, whose generosity in the past is well remembered, I earnestly appeal, through your board, for aid for these unfortunate human beings. Very respectfully, your obedient servant, A. D. LANGSTAFF, President Howard Association, Memphis.

The above letter, from A. D. Langstaff, president, &c., having been received by the Hardware Board of Trade, Limited, and sent to them at Nos. 4 and 6 Warren street, New York city. By order of the board.

JAMES H. GOLDBY, Secretary.

Dated New York, Sept. 13, 1879.

The Late Charles Bliven.

Mr. Charles Bliven, one of the best known and most respected hardware men of the country, died at Cornwall, N. Y., on the 22d inst., and will to-day be buried from his residence, 146 West Thirty-fourth street, in this city. The story of Mr. Bliven's life, which we regret our inability to give this week in detail, would be a history of the American hardware trade for more than a quarter of a century. He began life as an apprentice in a hardware house at Saratoga, where he learned the business as thoroughly as the opportunities offered in a small country town permitted. He came to New York about 1839, and secured a clerkship in the employ of George Briggs, with whom he afterward formed a partnership. The firm continued under the style of Geo. Briggs & Co., until January 1, 1845, when Mr. Briggs retired. The business was continued by Mr. Bliven and Mr. Mead, until 1856, when their interests were consolidated under the name of the Hart Manufacturing Company and the Hart, Bliven & Mead Manufacturing Company. Mr. Bliven was 61 years of age at the time of his death, and had continued in active business until March last, when he was taken sick. Since that time he has been an invalid. He was widely respected in social and business circles, and will be sincerely mourned by all who knew him.

Commencement of Work on the Hudson River Tunnel.

A reporter for *The Iron Age* yesterday visited the grounds in Jersey City, about midway between the Erie and the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railway depots, and found Col. Haskin, President of the Hudson Tunnel Company, personally superintending about 40 men who were hard at work. The vertical shaft, which is now being sunk at the rate of 2 1/2 feet a day, is covered by a weather-beaten frame shed. Fifteen masons were laying brick on the top of the walls, while a number of laborers were working in the bottom of the pit. Col. Haskin states that the shaft is slipping down finely and everything looks well. The opponents of the enterprise made a hard fight in the courts, but now the way is all clear, and it is expected that rapid progress will be made. More men will be put on as soon as the shaft is down and the "dumb archway" opened, where the tunnel proper will begin. The crown of the arch is now about even with the surface of the ground, but is gradually sinking as the excavation proceeds. Col. De Witt C. Haskin is a man of about 60 years of age, thick set, and is now apparently engaged in the crowning work of his life. He is enthusiastic in this great undertaking, sanguine of success, and predicts great changes to result from the concentration of railway traffic in the future tunnel between New York city and New Jersey, where some half dozen important lines of railway have their terminus. The method of pushing the headings is not yet fully determined, but the present intention is to use compressed air as an auxiliary.

The manner of introducing the "air lock," consisting of an iron cylinder, 15 by 6 feet, with hinged doors, &c., we have already mentioned in these columns. The length of the tunnel will be about one mile under the river and three-quarters of a mile on either side, making 12,000 feet altogether. The extreme grade on either side of the river is 2 feet in 100, descending toward the center, where it will be 3 feet in 100. Excepting a small bed of rock near New York and some sand, the material to be penetrated consists mostly of a tenacious silt. The greatest depth of water above the tunnel will be 60 feet. The estimated cost of the entire work is about \$10,000,000. The tunnel, according to calculations, will be able to pass 400 trains a day.

The Charcoal Iron Makers' Association.

An adjourned meeting of the National Association of Charcoal Iron Manufacturers was held in the Continental Hotel, Philadelphia, on the 18th inst. The attendance was large. The temporary chairman, Robert Valentine, of the Bellefonte Iron Company, occupied the chair. The committee appointed in July last to draft a constitution and by-laws and to nominate officers for a permanent organization, reported a preamble and resolutions, as follows:

The objects of this association are to procure regular statistics of all manufactures of iron by the use of charcoal as fuel; to provide for the mutual interchange of practical and scientific knowledge and experience in that branch of metallurgy, and to take all proper measures for advancing and protecting the interests of the trade in all its branches. The constitution provides that the title of the association shall be the "United States Association of Charcoal Iron Workers," that the organization shall consist of a president, vice-president and board of managers, the latter to consist of a representative from every five furnaces of each State in the Union, provided no State shall have less than one member; that the funds of the association shall be subject to the disposition of an executive committee created by the board of management, provided that body at no time shall make itself liable beyond the funds in the treasury; and that no person interested financially or practically in any process of charcoal-iron manufacture shall become a member by the payment of \$5 a year, provided no furnace can be represented for less than \$10.

During a 15 minutes' adjournment Gen. Taylor, of Alabama, stated that beyond question the tariff fight would engage the attention of Congress during the coming winter. He believed the tax on iron had brought the trade into disrepute, the tariff on steel rails causing all the trouble. The tariff he contended was simply a protection on Bessemer's patents, and when tariffs simply protected patents it was time to stop.

General Lapsley, of Alabama, said: I would like to see the tariff on steel so high that Mr. Vanderbilt could not again send to England for steel rails without paying a high price for the privilege. I would like to put about \$5 more a ton on him than he paid for that iron. I protest against one of the largest railroads of the country sending to England for a material which can be obtained just as good in the United States. If there was a Chinese wall thrown around us we could thrive; we are a world within ourselves. The foreign commerce of the United States I feel must have its foundation in home production. Therefore our American manufacturers and exporters should be fortified and not have a commodity thrown at their door to be sold under them. One great trouble was that the statesmen of the country were all lawyers and theorists, who studied political economy from English books, and had imbibed English ideas. He was against theorists, because theory had done more harm to this country than anything else. Another trouble was that the railroads of the country say to Congress, "do this" or "do that," and Congress does it. There is one thing he would like, and that was to get some man to raise the American flag of industry, and tear down that nasty, dirty bloody shirt.

Mr. Willard Warner thought that, as interests representing millions upon millions of capital were present, and back of them their employees, who chose representatives from the representative districts, it was clearly the employer's duty to see that his men voted for candidates who would enter the halls of Congress with proper ideas on the subject of iron and its tariff. When the body was reconvened the following permanent officers were chosen: President, Geo. B. Weising, Mont Alto Works, Franklin County, Pa.; vice-president, Willard Warner, Alabama; Managers—Alfred L. Tyler, Alabama; Robert Valentine, Henry Townsend and J. C. Fuller, Pennsylvania; Charles E. Coffin, Maryland; Charles Campbell, Ohio; M. S. Elford, Kentucky; S. A. Johnson, Booneville, N. Y.; J. Garrett, Tennessee.

Mr. Weising, in taking the chair, referred to the tariff question, stating that he believed the trouble lay in the fact that, while other branches of the iron trade had in the past been allowed to press their claims, the charcoal iron makers had been quiet. He denied statements which had been made to the effect that the reason of the charcoal iron makers meeting was that they feared their occupation was nearly gone. There are in Pennsylvania 37 stacks for making charcoal iron, while the stacks of all descriptions number 275.

After some general discussion the meeting adjourned sine die.

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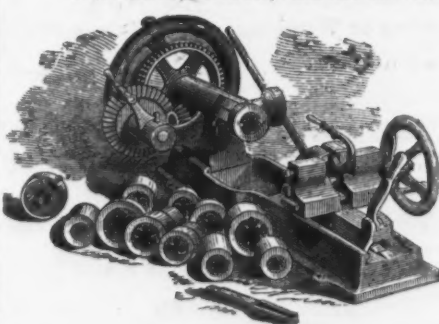
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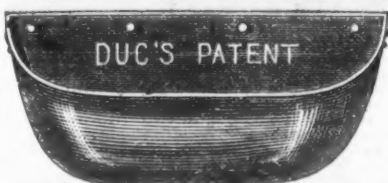
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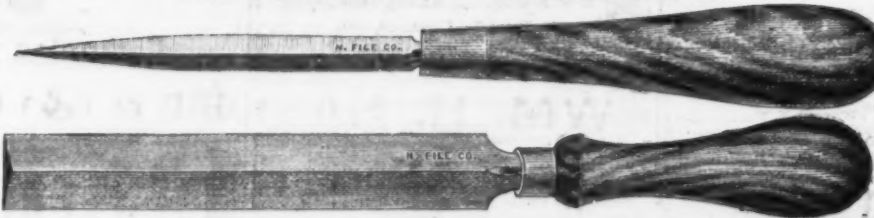
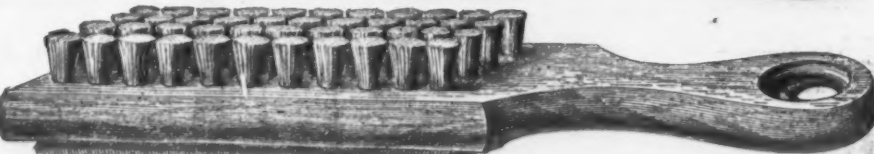
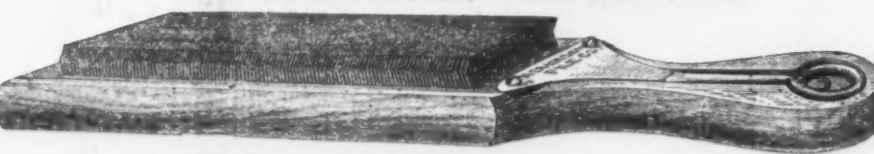
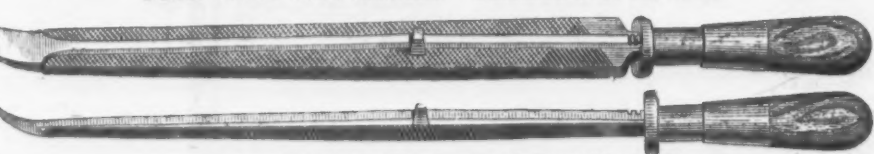
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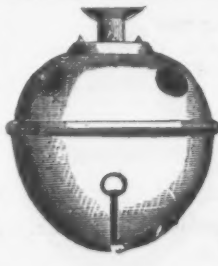
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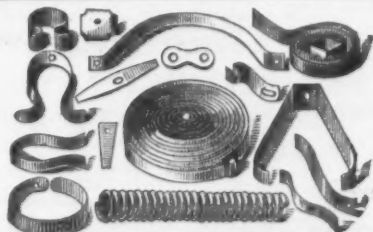
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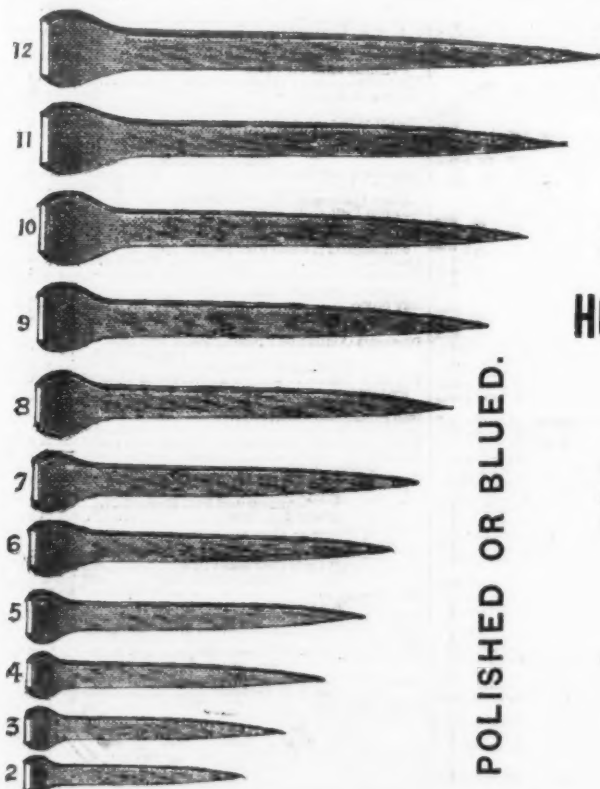
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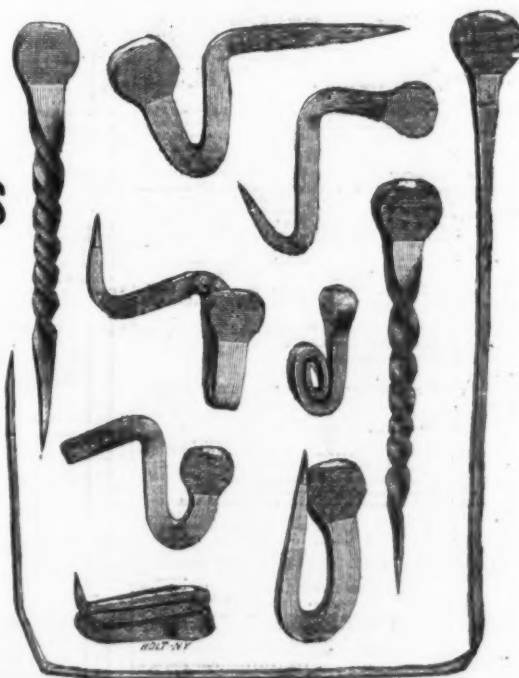
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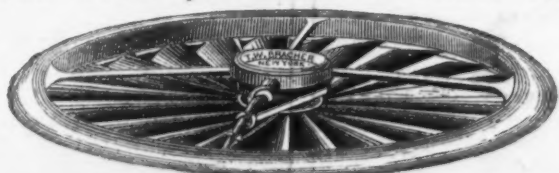
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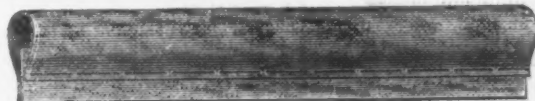
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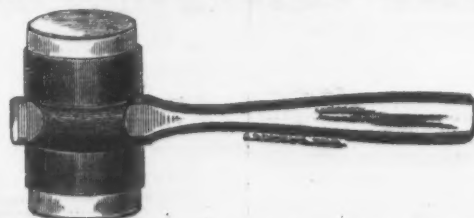
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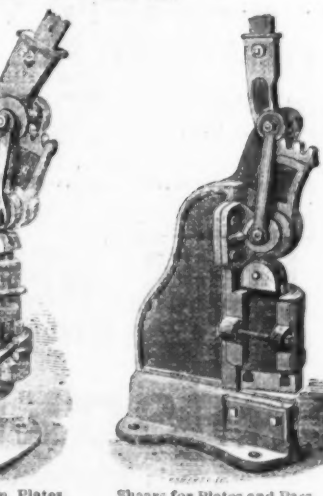
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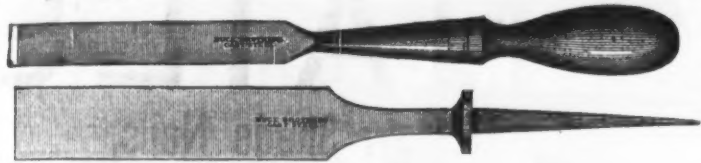
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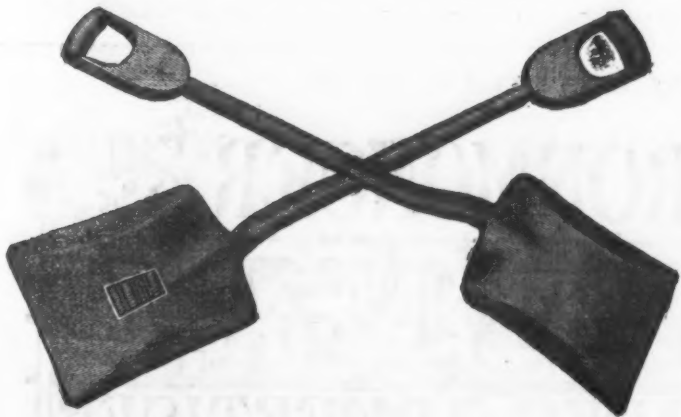
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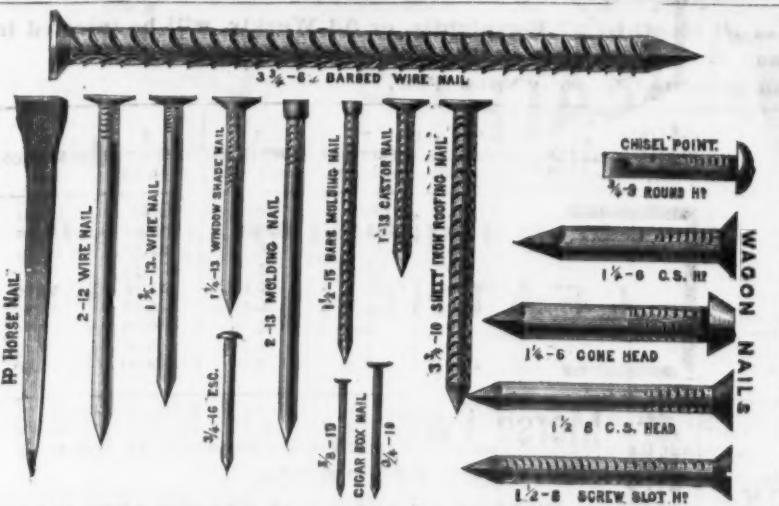


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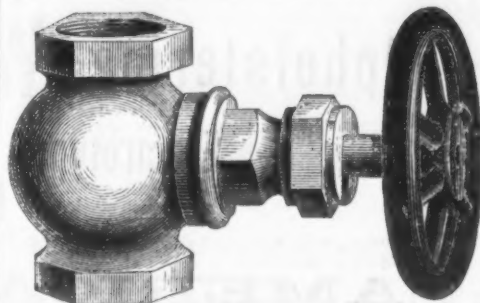
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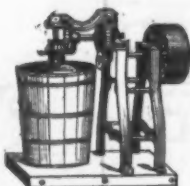
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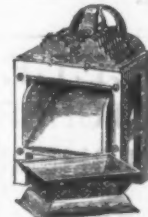
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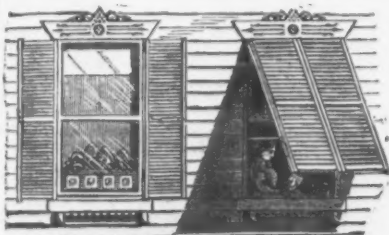
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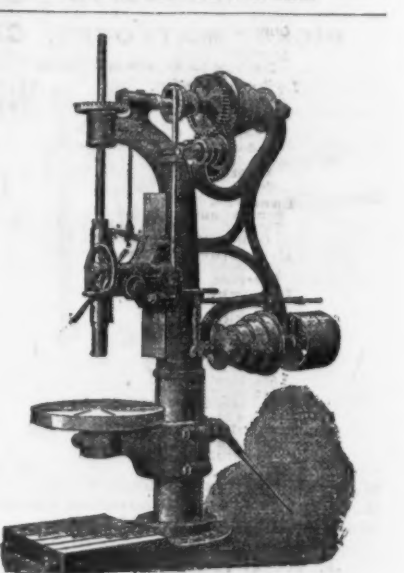
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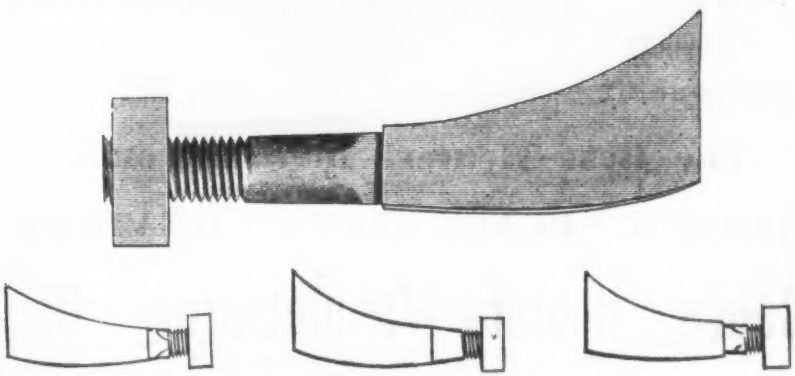
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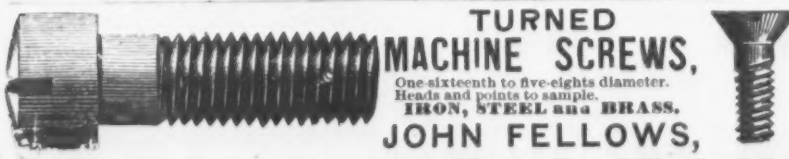
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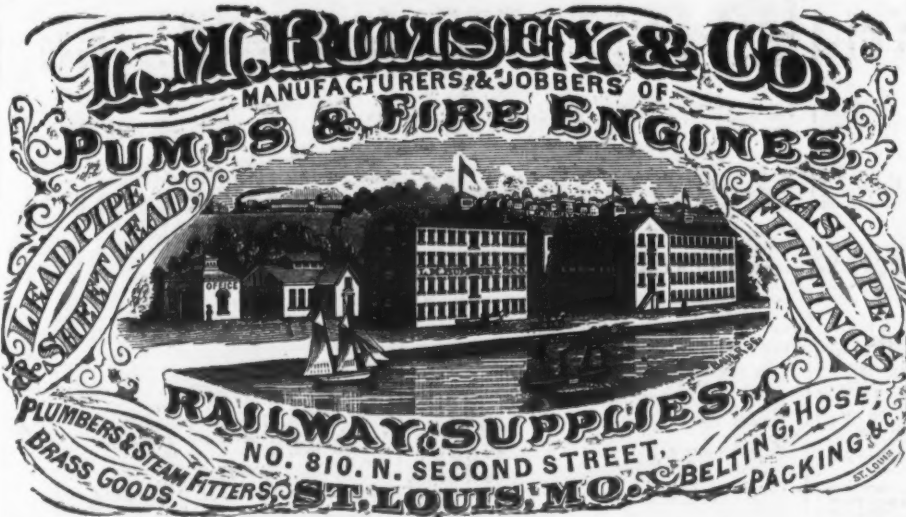


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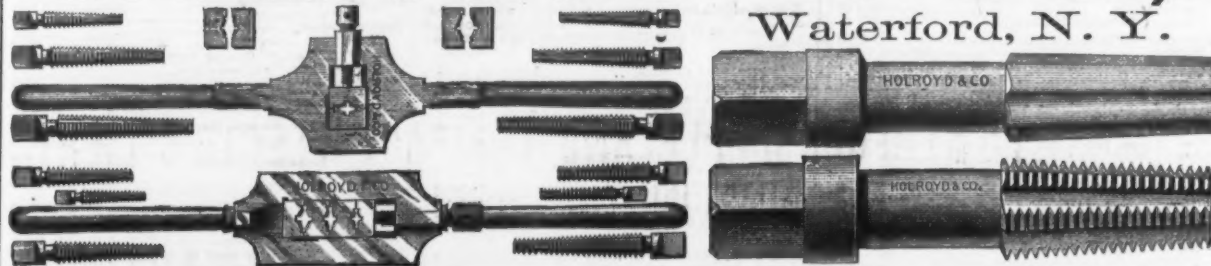
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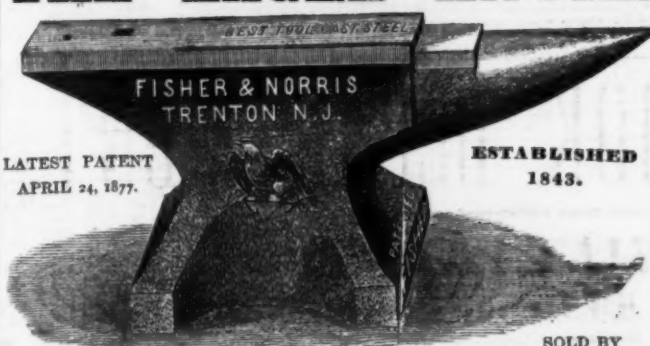
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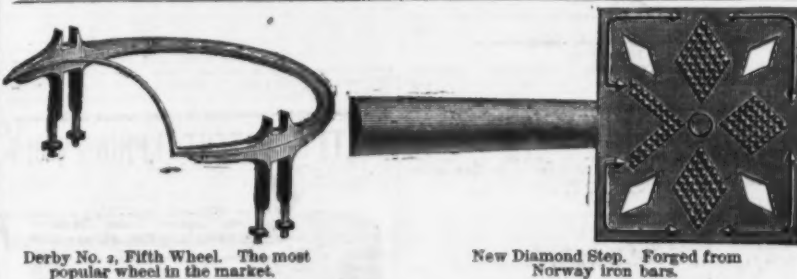
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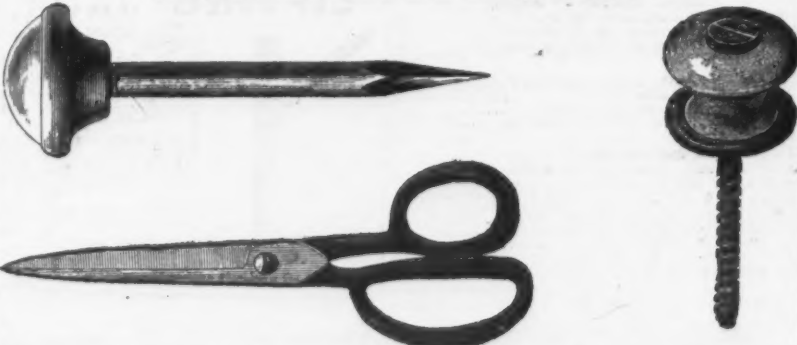
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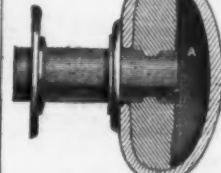
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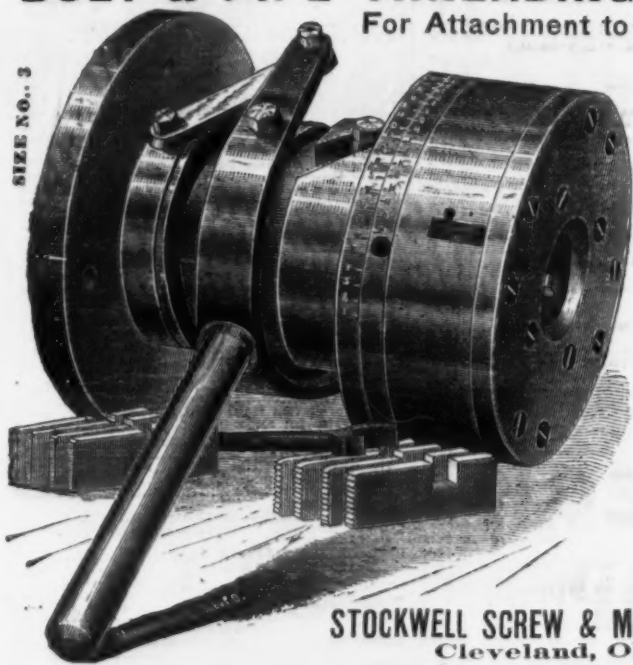


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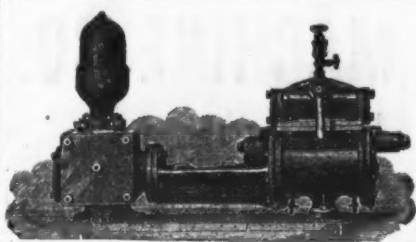
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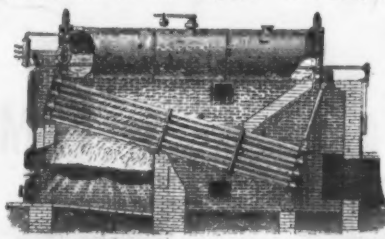
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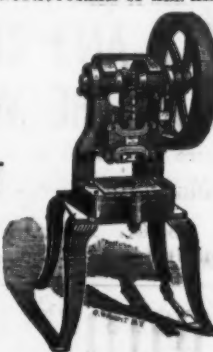
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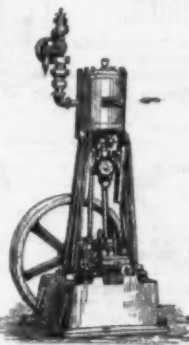
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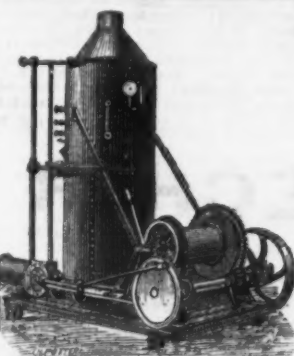
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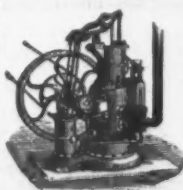
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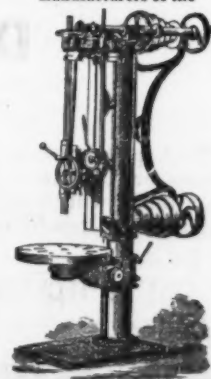
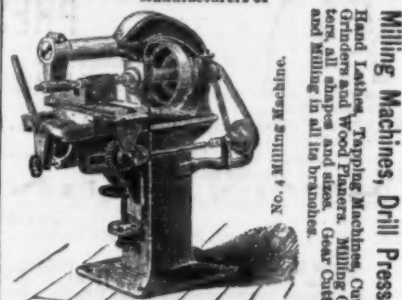
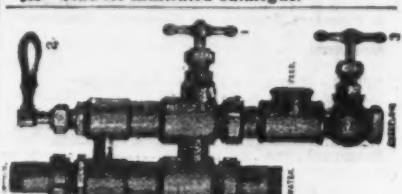
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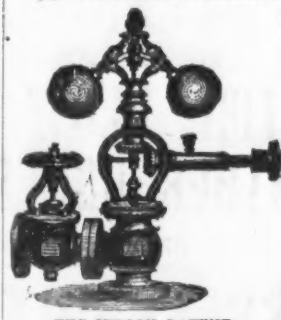
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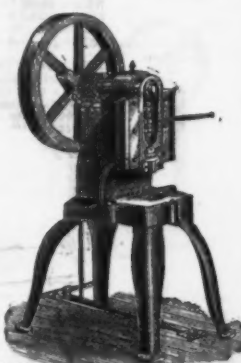
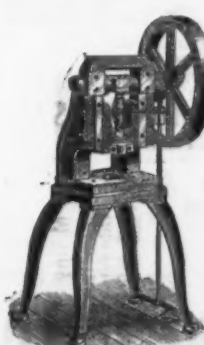
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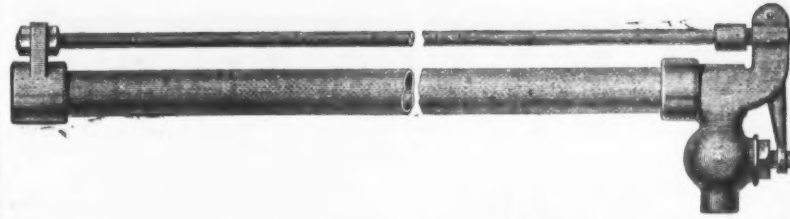
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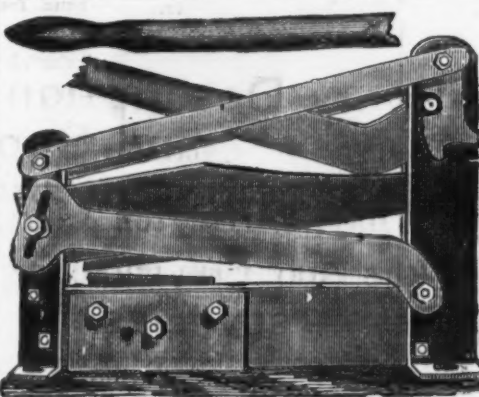
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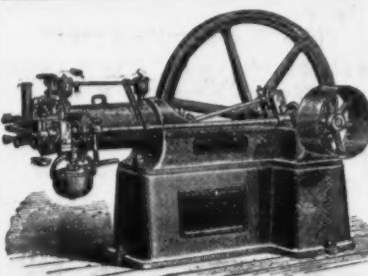
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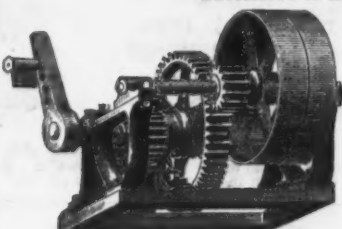
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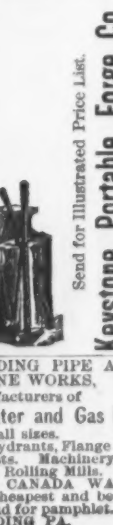
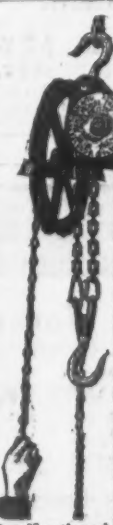
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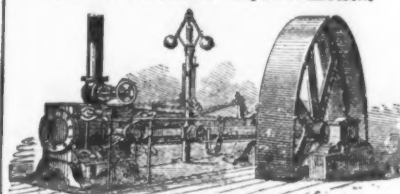
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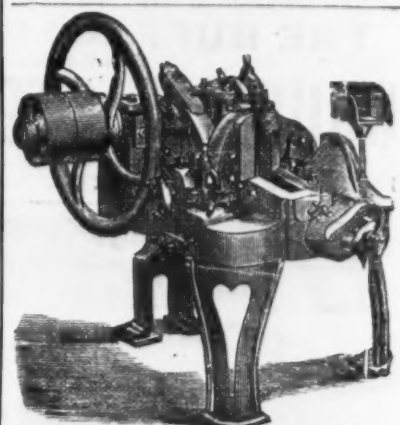
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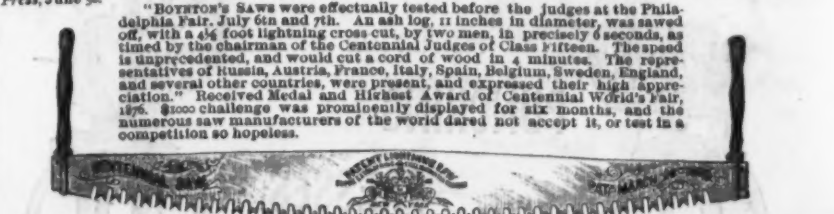
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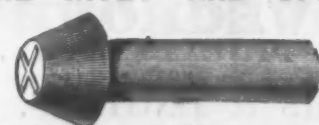
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